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# FROM THE DEAN

The progress of the law school during the 2010-11 academic year, commencing with John Grisham's visit in the fall and concluding with a stellar hooding and commencement that highlighted Gen. William Suter, the Honorable Clerk of the United States Supreme Court (below), has been both historic and gratifying for the entire community. Many of the events, some of which I am happy to report in this issue of the Jurist, serve as a fitting prelude to what should be an even more remarkable 2011-12 academic year.

The inauguration of the Wake Forest School of Law Program in Washington, under the adroit leadership of Professor David Gottlieb, remains a programmatic highlight of 2010-11. This newest offering includes an externship that provides selected students the opportunity to spend a semester working in the most diverse and vibrant legal environment in the world. Eight third-year students who comprised the initial class in the program's externship continue to rave about their experiences now that they are alumni of the law school.

Marc Langston ('11), one of the students in the inaugural class of the Program in Washington, worked in the office of the General Counsel of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

"Many schools have great alumni, but none like Wake Forest," said Mr. Langston, who worked with David Jonas ('81), general counsel for the NNSA. "I was given an opportunity through our alumni contacts to work at an amazing agency. The issues are fascinating, and Wake Forest's alumni network provided me with the opportunity to tackle things that I have only dreamed about."

Our students were not the only individuals offering glowing reviews of the externship. Supervising attorneys in the agencies

*Innocence and Justice panel featuring John Grisham*

in which these students worked comment to me regularly about the students' adroit legal skills and professional manner.

An additional component of the Program in Washington includes the sponsorship of conferences, roundtables, symposia and lectures. The Washington community, as well as Wake Forest alumni and supporters, continues to comment favorably on the Program's celebratory luncheon that featured U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Justice Ginsburg's speech, which was a tribute to her late husband Professor Martin Ginsburg, has inaugurated our programmatic efforts in the nation's capital in grand style. Moreover, Professor Joel Newman's touching commentary remains a fitting postlude to a memorable event.

The success of the inaugural Program in Washington is due in no small measure to the dedication of our alumni and those who support the very vital mission of the law school. That mission, defined by an acute appreciation for the intersection of the doctrine of law with the practical components of practice, ensures the Program's longevity as it continues next year. Visit our website and our Facebook pages to learn more about the events planned for the upcoming academic year in Washington, D.C. You will also discover additional information about the program in the cover story of this edition of the Jurist.

With the retirement of the legendary Melanie Nutt, the law school embarked on a search for a new individual to head our Office of Admissions. Of course no one can replace Melanie. She has been the foundation of the historic rise of the law school and occupies a rarified position in the world of law school admissions. The difficult task of finding a successor for this legend has culminated in an excellent choice. Jay Shively, most recently assistant dean for Admissions at Pennsylvania State University, the Dickinson School of Law, has assumed the position of assistant dean of Admissions here at the law school. This issue of the Jurist also includes more about Melanie's retirement and Jay's new role.

Innovative programming that prepares our students for the 21st century legal market, along with the need to carry on the student-centered education that has always distinguished Wake Forest, requires a physical space that accommodates our special mission. With the Schools of Business anticipated move into a new building in 2013, the law school has seized on an extraordinary opportunity to transform the Worrell Professional Center into a state-of-the-art law school facility. Rarely does a law school experience a historic event that changes its educative trajectory. While Wake Forest is fortunate to have this opportunity, it cannot happen without your support. You will discover more details about this historic moment in the next issue of the Jurist.

Finally, the current economic crisis that has gripped the world continues to challenge both the law school and our newest graduates who seek meaningful legal employment. Your financial support of the law school, and your service as informational resources that lead to opportunities in your firm, company or community, remain key components in our strategy to meet these challenges. Evidence of Wake Forest's fortitude during difficult times comes from the law school's most recent graduating class, of which 86 percent has pledged financial support for the law school. At a time when employment options are so limited, such a demonstration of support by the Class of 2011 inspires me and hopefully serves as a stimulus to all who believe in this special law school.

Let the Class of 2011 inspire you. I also implore you to join our entire community in celebrating and furthering this historic mission of the Wake Forest University School of Law.

# PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON

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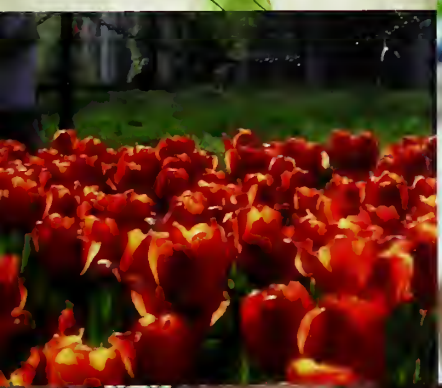


**The Wake Forest School of Law Program in Washington provides students with the opportunity to spend a semester in practice in the most diverse and vibrant legal environment in the world. The program includes both an externship component and a programmatic initiative that includes conferences, roundtables, symposia and lectures.**

The Metropolitan Externship allows students to work 35 hours a week in either a government agency or a non-governmental organization in the spring semester of their third year. In addition to this practice component, students attend a weekly class session, which explores issues common to the interns. The class is taught by Adjunct Professor David Gottlieb, who also organizes the project. The types of placements include Executive Branch offices such as the Departments of Justice or State, or agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission, Federal Trade Commission, or the Environmental Protection Agency. Non-governmental groups include advocacy groups, human rights organizations and trade associations including the American Bar Association. Whatever the setting, students engage in the kinds of tasks performed by lawyers in Washington, D.C. under the immediate supervision of an experienced attorney or attorneys in the particular office. "For students who want to do public service, Washington is the finest laboratory in the world," according to Gottlieb. "Students are able to take everything they've learned in 2 ½ years in law school and put it in to practice and then measure themselves in that setting. We knew our first group of interns would make great impressions and they have done so." Following are some of their stories.

# MARC LANGSTON ('11)

Marc Langston ('11) was a high school junior when he first visited Wake Forest University. He was among a group of students from Wichita, Kan., on campus for a debate camp.

As a college undergraduate, Langston remained home and earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. But when it came time to pursue a law degree, there was little room for argument. He was going to Wake Forest.

"I fell in love with the faculty and the whole academic experience," he said while in Washington, D.C., as part of the law school's Metropolitan Externship. "It was a natural choice for law school."

Langston started law school in order to pursue a career in public service.

"The D.C. program was an easy choice, and it seemed like a great opportunity, which it indeed turned out to be."

In Washington, Langston worked in the Office of the General Counsel for the National Nuclear Security Administration, which, according to its website, is responsible for the management and security of the nation's nuclear weapons, nuclear nonproliferation and naval reactor programs.

> "Many schools have great alumni, but none like Wake Forest."

NNSA also responds to nuclear and radiological emergencies in the United States and abroad.

Langston was working with the administration when the catastrophic earthquake and ensuing tsunami struck Japan on March 11. The administration deployed 33 people and more than 17,200 pounds of equipment to the region.

While at the NNSA, Langston had the opportunity to work with David Jonas ('81), general counsel for the NNSA.

"Many schools have great alumni, but none like Wake Forest," Langston said.

"I was given an opportunity through our alumni contacts to work at an amazing agency … performing legal work where the contracts are not about just simply money between two countries but hundreds of millions of dollars of nuclear nonproliferation. The issues are fascinating, and Wake's alumni network provided me with the opportunity to tackle things that I've only dreamed about and things that I studied in high school debate at Wake Forest," said Langston, who has visited the United Nations in Geneva and studied international human rights in Italy.

While in Washington, Langston attended a reception with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, had breakfast with the Secretary of Energy and ate dinner with the Turkish ambassador.

"In New York, the financial giants on Wall Street run the show, and in Hollywood it's the actors. But in D.C., it's the public servants, it's the lawyers, and it's the lawmakers who really do set the policy and the agenda for the country. It's a natural choice to want to take an internship as a legal student in the greatest city in the world, the city that's setting the policy, internationally and domestically. And it's a great place to intern for an agency like the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration."

Langston serves on the board of directors for U.S. Senate Youth Alumni Association, an official youth program of the Senate. During his time in the nation's capital, Langston honored former Sen. Bob Dole with the Rosalie Wynn Hearst Distinguished Public Service Award. Former Sen. Elizabeth Dole (R-NC) accepted the award on her husband's behalf.

Langston referred to the former senator from Kansas as a hero and mentor.

"His type of politics is uncommon," he told the University Daily Kansan.

No doubt, Langston is, and will always be, a Jayhawk. He will also forever be a Demon Deacon. On this point there can be no debate.

# JESSICA CHAPMAN ('11)

> "It's like a little family, so you won't be sad that you're away from Wake Forest. The externship is the perfect way to end my law school career."

The Metropolitan Externship had a profound effect on Jessica Chapman ('11).

Collectively, the experience, which she called "amazing," led her to a decision to pursue her career in the nation's capital. Her resolve is based on a collection of factors that struck her on levels professional and personal, ever so slightly brushing on the ideas of family, contentment, ambition and the will to make a difference.

Chapman, who earned her bachelor's degree at Vanderbilt University, worked for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Washington, D.C., and in Baltimore. As part of her externship, Chapman wrote, worked on policy and did research, highlighted by a project centering on the 14th Amendment and citizenship issues.

"Anything the lawyers had on their plates got shifted to me, so I was very, very busy. I thought it was a great mix of policy and legal work. I've had an amazing semester," she said while attending the Program in Washington.

"I fell in love with D.C. as soon as I got here, partially because it gives you the experience of the big city, public transportation, hustle and bustle. But then you can go home to the suburbs … it's just a great mix of the two. You can't really do that in New York."

Chapman believes a program like this not only will allow her to meet people who will help her expand her network and potentially get a job upon graduation, but also help her hone the skills she learned in law school.

"It helps to differentiate yourself," she said. "There's nothing like practical experience, and this is essentially what that is."

There's a personal aspect, too.

"It's like a little family, so you won't be sad that you're away from Wake Forest. The externship is the perfect way to end my law school career … I would recommend it to anyone."

In Washington, Chapman met NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous, who happened to share the stage at the NAACP Image Awards with Oscar-winning actress Halle Berry.

"The networking opportunities were really invaluable, and I knew I could learn a lot this semester. It's lived up to all my expectations."

Chapman was sold on Wake Forest long before she arrived on the Winston-Salem campus. She pointed to Melanie Nutt, the former director of admissions and financial aid who spent more than 40 years at the school before retiring in spring 2011.

"She was so responsive to my application, and that let me know what kind of staff and faculty they have at Wake Forest," Chapman said.

She also pointed to Adjunct Professor David Gottlieb, who organizes the externships.

"He is a wonderful professor, and also just very caring about the students," she said.

In her first summer at Wake Forest, Chapman spent time with GlaxoSmithKline.

"I think that Wake definitely prepared me to be a great attorney who people will want to work with."

Wherever that work takes her, it started, at least in part, at Wake Forest. Chapman will often think about her experiences at the law school. She'll smile at the memories.

"It's just been so amazing."

# TUCKER McCARTHY ('11)

Tucker McCarthy ('11) prefers to hang on the periphery of what others deem normal. To him, the word comfort is meaningless in terms of his outlook on life.

Heck, he's from Buffalo, N.Y., one of the least comfortable places in the U.S. come winter. He earned his bachelor's degree from Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., before coming to Wake Forest to earn his law degree, for which he spent time studying in Europe. He plans to earn an LL.M. in Banking and Financial Regulation from the London School of Economics. He wants an iPad2.

McCarthy's life and accomplishments so far cannot be defined by the conventional definition of normal. Comfortable and easy? Far from it. Well, not unless one considers the part about the iPad2.

McCarthy was placed at the Office of the Special Masters as part of the Metropolitan Externship.

"I have always sought unconventional experiences and educational opportunities," McCarthy says. "The summer after my first year I studied in London and Vienna. Those experiences validated my belief that putting oneself outside one's comfort zone stimulates the greatest personal and professional growth. In the Metropolitan Externship, I saw another opportunity to broaden my education."

And to have some fun, as well. In Washington he saw the Nationals play, attended a couple of concerts, frequented the National Portrait Gallery and met teen singing sensation Justin Bieber.

"The highlight of my externship was getting to know all of the motivated and intelligent people who are the Office of the Special Masters," McCarthy says. "I now count them as friends and mentors who I will remain in contact with for the rest of my professional or personal life — whichever ends later."

The externship, he says, opens another door to an extensive network of professionals with a love for Wake Forest. McCarthy found value in the externship for myriad reasons, including that it allowed him the opportunity to see how a court operates and to take part in the weighing of arguments and the formulation of decisions.

The Office of the Special Masters, he says, is a branch of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and is essentially the trial court for all vaccine-related injury claims against manufacturers.

"While I have worked for those on the lower side of the bench prior to the externship, I had never worked for a judge," he says. "Professors always quip that 'good lawyers know the law and great lawyers know the judge.'

"And while one can surmise a judge's leanings by studying his or her jurisprudence, reviewing cases is an inadequate substitution for working in a judge's chambers."

As part of his duties at the Office of the Special Masters, McCarthy was assigned to cases on the court's autism docket.

"Days before I began work, a respected medical journal published an article attacking the integrity of Dr. Andrew Wakefield and his 1998 paper alleging a causative relationship between vaccines and autism."

According to CNN.com, "The British medical journal BMJ, which published the results of its investigation, concluded (Wakefield) misrepresented or altered the medical histories of all 12 of the patients whose cases formed the basis of the 1998 study — and that there was 'no doubt' Wakefield was responsible."

The doctor has told CNN he was the target of "a ruthless, pragmatic attempt to crush any attempt to investigate valid vaccine safety concerns."

"Although the discrediting of Dr. Wakefield and his study received a lot of media attention," McCarthy says, "I soon learned that the court had been ruling against petitioners in autism and autism spectrum cases long before the media ran with the story. Working at the center of a highly publicized issue was exciting. Better yet, I felt like I was in on a secret that was still being debated in the public forum."

During the first semester of his third year, McCarthy worked in the legal department at R.J. Reynolds. Observing the role of in-house attorneys in a heavily regulated and litigated industry, he says, "was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

But … "As a part-time intern I did not have the opportunity to forge the lasting relationships with co-workers that a full-time externship offers. Earning the trust of one's superiors is essential for a fruitful internship experience. A full-time externship spanning four months provides sufficient time to earn the trust necessary to be given more interesting projects.

"I would recommend the externship to others because there is no better place to observe the possibilities of a legal education than Washington."

# STEPHEN WHELAN ('11)

Stephen Whelan ('11) is a competitor. Growing up in Rochester, N.Y., he honed his instincts on the basketball court. While at the law school, he learned to use those instincts in a different sort of court.

During the Metropolitan Externship, Whelan worked as an extern in the litigation department of the Office of General Counsel at the Washington Metro Area Transit Travel Authority.

"I miss the competitive spirit that

accompanies playing organized sports," he said, "and the feeling you get when you have an opponent at trial is a similar feeling. When I took trial practice at Wake Forest, I liked the excitement I felt before our closing trial."

While at the transit authority, Whelan worked on a variety of cases, including a few slip-and-fall injury cases and one employment discrimination case. In that case the plaintiff, who had already retired from the authority on disability, was back making a different claim in hopes of getting more money from the transit authority.

Whelan was first attracted to litigation by his mother's example. She was a litigator in Rochester, and he was interested in hearing about her cases.

"I was always surrounded by her lawyer and judge friends, and I always admired them," he said.

He found the Metropolitan Externship a great way to put what he learned in the classroom to work.

"Wake Forest has done a great job of preparing me for things I've dealt with at Metro, but also, there's no substitute for practical experience," he said.

In turn, he found the classroom component of the externship enriched his work life.

"It's great to have the classroom component of the externship as well, because it gives you an opportunity to reflect on what you've done during the week," he said, "and talk about it with your peers and see if you've had some common experiences."

For this fan of big cities, who has spent time in New York City and Philadelphia, the externship was also a chance to be part of another big city, one with roots that run deep in the founding of America.

"Sometimes when it was a nice day, I would walk outside during my lunch break and walk by the Capitol," he said. "I liked being in a city with so much history and with such important decision makers all around."

Whelan found making contacts, and more important, deepening those contacts was easy when he was soaking up the city's atmosphere rather than sitting in his apartment five hours away in Winston-Salem.

The bonds he formed with his co-workers became an important part of the experience.

"I think I'll miss the people at my office the most," he said. "Being in there 40 hours a week, sometimes more, for 14 weeks — that's a lot of time you get to spend with these people."

> "I liked being in a city with so much history and with such important decision makers all around."

For Whelan, the externship was a chance to try out the future he had begun to map out for himself while in law school.

"I was pretty sure I wanted to do litigation coming into this program," he said. "So being with metro in their litigation department has confirmed my belief that that's what I want to do."

# CAITLIN STANLEY ('11)

After earning her undergraduate degree at Boston University, Caitlin Stanley ('11) was drawn to law school for its tight-knit, supportive community.

For Stanley, who had watched her brother with a learning disability face obstacles to receive his education, an externship with the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights was the perfect way to help ensure that others enjoy the same supportive educational environment she had known.

"Because education is so important to an individual's success in life, students need to feel safe going to school every day, and have the opportunity to succeed," she said.

Her work with OCR's Program Legal Group division gave Stanley the opportunity to handle a school assignment plan, research bullying laws and help draft documents explaining how OCR interprets and enforces discrimination laws based on race, national origin, sex and disability.

Stanley found the time she spent in Washington, D.C., helpful in linking classroom theory with real-world experience.

"With my coursework at the school, I had the opportunity to learn the basics of the law," she said. "Here, I've had the opportunity to put it into practice. It's been a great complement to the legal education that I received at Wake Forest Law."

Helping students who are sometimes marginalized has personal meaning for Stanley, whose younger brother has autism.

"While he had the support and help of my parents, as well as dedicated support staff throughout high school and college, many students with disabilities are not so lucky," she said.

One of Stanley's assignments was to help compile a 50-state survey of bullying laws. "That project gave me the opportunity to reflect on the prevalence of bullying in schools today, and gave me the chance to see the different steps each state is taking to try to fix the problem," she said.

She also worked with attorneys to develop a student assignment plan for a school district with 28,000 students.

"I got to observe firsthand how a plan like this evolves," she said. "It was really quite heartening to see how dedicated the district officials were in trying to achieve diversity in the schools."

Working against the backdrop of the world's most vibrant legal community gave Stanley's externship additional relevance. The class component of the externship with Professor David Gottlieb helped her deal with such issues as confidentiality and conflicts of interest, which are a regular part of work in Washington.

She was able to meet Wake Forest alumni who are working in the public and private sectors and hear of their experiences.

"There's always so much going on," she said. "There's a new restaurant every week, a new museum. To be here in the center of government, there are just great opportunities here."

For the next two years, Stanley will be working in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity office as part of the Presidential Management Fellows program. The PMF program is a prestigious two-year paid government fellowship, sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) for recent graduate students who seek a two-year fellowship in a United States government agency.

Stanley's work in the Office of Civil Rights solidified her commitment to public service as a career.

"It's been a tremendous opportunity to test out a public interest career," she said. "So if anyone's on the fence about it, you can see how the government works. While you think you know, you don't really know until you're in it."

# LAUREN TOZZI ('11)

> "I know that I got this position at the EPA because of my internship."

When it came to keeping up with shows at the Kennedy Center or knowing the newest restaurants, Lauren Tozzi ('11) was a Washington insider.

But serving as an extern at the Environmental Protection Agency as part of the Metropolitan Externship gave this D.C. area native a new perspective on the city she loved.

"Being a part of Washington was completely different," she said. "Especially after law school, I felt a much deeper connection to the democratic ideals that the city embodies."

Tozzi worked in the EPA's Superfund division, which provides regional support to the 10 districts around the country that oversee clean-up of the nation's hazardous waste sites.

"Environmental law seemed like a natural fit for me because I love being outdoors," she said, "and I think environmental preservation is extremely important. Yet, I think environmental regulation presents interesting challenges, particularly in the realm of who should be held accountable for environmental degradation."

While at the EPA, Tozzi helped research and write about regulations connected to the Safe Drinking Water Act. She saw how the EPA decides to intervene in certain situations and how it uses the law to compel companies to do the right thing.

She felt well-prepared for the complexity of the Superfund statute after taking Professor Dick Schneider's environmental law class. Having a background in statutes as the Clean Air Act, helped in her work at the EPA.

"I think that we certainly pick up a lot of good basic skills in law school, but we don't get much opportunity to apply them," she said. "This externship has given me the opportunity to put those skills into action and really learn to apply the knowledge I've been working so hard to acquire for the past few years."

Tozzi believes that without the externship, she would not have been recently hired by the EPA to continue to work in the Superfund full-time. "Every day of my externship felt like an interview," she said. "I worked very hard because I thought this was my chance to get this job that I wanted so badly when I graduate. I know that I got this position at the EPA because of my externship."

The classroom component of the program, with its one-on-one feedback gave her an advantage that few beginning professionals in any field enjoy.

"Professor (David) Gottlieb helped us to reflect on what we've been experiencing in the work world," she said. "You don't usually have that chance to have a mentor or someone who's guiding you while you're entering the work world."

With Washington as a backdrop, Tozzi found that networking happened naturally. She got to know 25 to 30 attorneys in her own division, and those contacts led to meeting more people throughout the EPA.

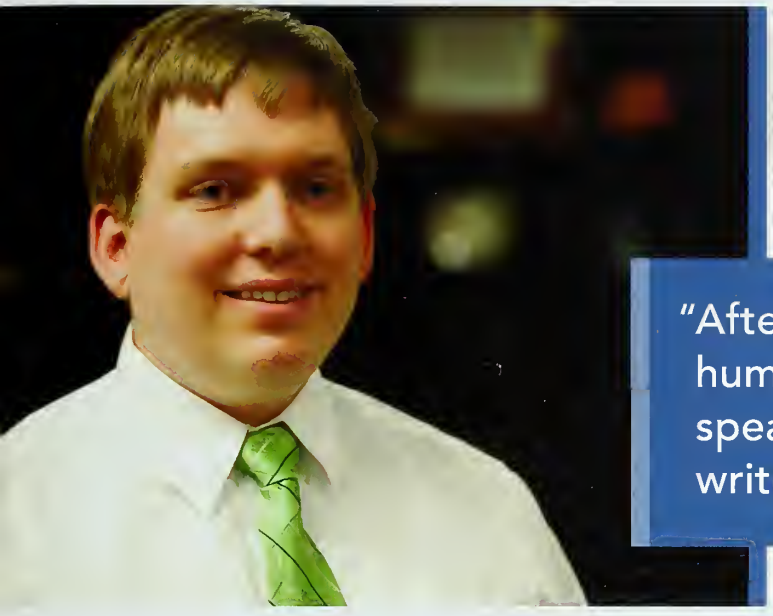
"And then of course, you connect with those people and you have an opportunity to go out to lunch or go out for drinks after work," she said, "and then you get to know other people."

Her externship served as a valuable contrast to her semester at the Community Law and Business Clinic in Winston-Salem.

"This experience has been at a much broader level," she said. "It's kind of 1,000 feet up. You're looking down on how the government works and how the country functions."

With her newfound contacts, Tozzi is launching her career in the nation's capital on a solid foundation.

"I think this opportunity has given me an advantage over students at other law schools who didn't have this program," she said.



# BLAKE BRITTAIN ('11)

"After having taken an international human rights class, I felt like I was speaking the language necessary to write about the law on this issue."

What started as an externship to test the waters of a career in foreign policy turned into a front row seat in history for third-year law student Blake Brittain ('11).

As revolution swept the Middle East in the spring, Brittain found the research he was doing at the Rule of Law Initiative's Middle East and North Africa division of the American Bar Association was being used to develop policies for new governments in the region.

"I've had to do a lot more fast-paced projects than I originally anticipated, which was really exciting and interesting," he said.

His research on how street children 12 and younger in the region were swept up by police, tortured and kept indefinitely in overcrowded prisons with adults became part of a white paper on pretrial juvenile detention in Lebanon.

"After having taken an international human rights class, I felt like I was speaking the language necessary to write about the law on this issue," he said.

"This made it far easier to research and write the white paper than it would have been otherwise."

Linking academic knowledge to real-world experience is the goal of the law school's Program in Washington.

The program allows third-year students to spend their spring semester working in Washington, D.C., as well as participating in conferences, lectures and symposia. Students receive 10 credits for field work and three graded credits for their classwork. Students may be placed in such governmental agencies as the Departments of Justice or State, or independent agencies, such as the Federal Communications Commission.

Non-governmental group placements include human-rights organizations or such international organizations as the International Monetary Fund or World Bank.

Adjunct Professor David Gottlieb, who organizes the project, also conducts weekly class sessions where he explores issues common to externs.

For Brittain, the program succeeded beyond his expectations. At first, no one expected the uprisings in the Middle East would amount to much, he said.

"But as the protests turned into revolutions, it was inspiring to see ordinary people can create such monumental changes."

Brittain researched and wrote about anti-corruption efforts in Egypt, as well as financial, media and police reform.

He saw how international agreements, treaties and U.N. resolutions translate into policies that bring democratic concepts to people around the world.

"I was surprised I finally got to use the things I learned in a class like international human rights, which was one of my favorite classes in law school," he said.

For Brittain, the externship also gave him newfound confidence about his own path.

"I came into law school, I guess, somewhat unsure of what I wanted to do," he said.

"I loved taking political science classes in college and I thought I'd like to work in a policy-related job, say on Capitol Hill, in Congress or at a non-profit organization like the Rule of Law Initiative. A job like this has probably clarified that I'm on the right path to doing what I wanted to do."

# PHOTO GALLERY

A luncheon celebrating the inaugural year of the law school's Program in Washington was hosted on May 2, 2011, by Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP at the firm's offices at 1111 Pennsylvania Ave. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg gave a moving keynote address, which was originally written by her late husband, Martin Ginsburg. Following her address Professor Joel Newman provided a tribute to the Ginsburgs. Professor David Gottlieb then recognized each of the eight third-year law students who participated in the Metropolitan Externship along with their supervising attorneys. Among those attending the luncheon were members of the Washington Program Advisory Board.

# Admissions Director Melanie Nutt retires after more than 40 years

**MELANIE NUTT** SAYS IT TOOK HER A LONG TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHY GOD PUT HER ON EARTH. SHE BELIEVES NOW THAT IT WAS TO WORK WITH STUDENTS. SPECIFICALLY WAKE FOREST LAW STUDENTS.

"I made a difference in a lot of people's lives," she said.

Indeed. Nutt's name has been synonymous with Wake Forest University School of Law students for more than 40 years.

"She is magical with the students," says Ann Gibbs, associate dean of Administrative and Student Services who has worked with Nutt for more than a decade. "She is great at getting students to do what they need to do. I think it's her straight talk. They know where she stands."

In fact, if you talk to any alumni who graduated in the 1980s, 1990s or 2000s, they will most likely tell you the tipping point for why they chose Wake Forest law school was Nutt, director of admissions and financial aid for more than 30 years.

"Quite literally, none of us would be going to school here if it weren't for Melanie," says Brian McKeon ('13). "For many people, Melanie was the face of Wake Forest when you visited here, and her kindness and enthusiasm were part of the reason you chose to study here. Others might not have been able to attend such a high caliber law school if Melanie hadn't given them a chance by extending an offer of admission. Like myself, I know many of the students here are very grateful for what Melanie has done for each of us and for the school."

Nutt was born Aug. 23, 1938. But you would never know that this energetic woman who has a smile for everyone she meets is 73. If you had to guess, you would probably be off by at least a decade or two.

It's hard to imagine her smile not gracing the halls of the Worrell Professional Center, although she does come back to visit often.

The mother of three started at the law school in 1969 part-time and a year later began working with the Law Review full-time, a position she held for nine years. After switching to financial aid part-time and then admissions, she was promoted to director of admissions and financial aid in 1981. She hass never looked back.

"Hopefully I recruited good students who represent Wake Forest law school well and who do good by doing well," she says.

Over the years, Nutt says recruiting, retention and making sure the Wake Forest ethos was put first made up the majority of her work.

When asked if she ever thought of becoming a lawyer herself, she laughed. "Absolutely not," she said. "I took a lot of law classes over the years, but I'm non-confrontational."

These days Nutt is taking advantage of retirement to travel with her husband of more than 50 years, Carl. "We started traveling about 10 to 12 years ago," she said. "I found Russia fascinating. And I

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## BY THE NUMBERS

**41** Years worked at WFU

**75,000+** Number of applications she has read

**5** Number of deans since she began

**59** Number of Fletcher scholarships she has bestowed

**1** Number of other law school admissions directors who worked in the same position as long as she has

**5,280** Number of students who have graduated from the law school since she began as admissions director

love Costa Rica and Italy, and we're going back there in September."

She also plans on catching up on reading "anything but romance novels" and working out on her treadmill. "I'm in good shape for an old bird," she said.

The law school and nearly 200 alumni gathered on May 19 in the Worrell Professional Center library rotunda to toast Nutt's 40-plus years of service to the university. A scholarship has been set up in her honor. If you are interested in donating, please visit www.wfu.edu/giving and designate your gift to the Melanie G. Nutt Law Scholarship. So far, more than $130,000 has been raised for the endowed scholarship that will support a law school student with financial need. Nutt was presented with the scholarship on Oct. 22, 2010, during the Law Board of Visitors fall banquet. Judge Denise Hartsfield ('91) and Katie King ('12) shared how their experiences with Nutt was why they decided to attend Wake Forest law school.

"Her personal touch has earned her the respect of admissions professionals nationwide, but perhaps her greatest gift is the ability to connect with every generation of Wake Forest student," said Dean Blake D. Morant during this year's hooding ceremony, when it was announced that Nutt had been voted "Staff Member of the Year" by the third-year class.

Andy Yun ('11) said Nutt was the only reason he had heard of Wake Forest. The California native said Wake Forest wasn't on his radar until he met Nutt, who convinced him that WFU would make a good fit.

"How you manage to remember the names of all the law students is beyond me," Ashleigh Wilson ('11) wrote on Nutt's Guestbook. "You will be missed." ◆

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Dean of the School of Law

Melanie

# GUESTBOOK FOR

## MELANIE NUTT

"I've been practicing law in New Jersey for 25 years, but I still remember arriving at WFU and discovering that Melanie somehow managed to know almost more about my circumstances and what I needed to do to manage to afford law school than I did myself! Coming from a large, impersonal, Northeastern, urban undergraduate university, I came very quickly to the conclusion that WFU was the right choice for me, and Melanie was a big reason for that."

"You were the first person I met at WFU law, when I was pondering a significant career change in order to pursue my dream to become an attorney. Your encouragement and support gave me the courage to take the LSAT, apply to WFU, and ultimately become a "non-traditional student." I will never forget, and will always appreciate, your kindness and your friendship. And know that I have never regretted my decision- the law school experience and now the practice of law is more than I ever imagined. I wish you many happy years as you move into this new chapter of your life."

"You are the reason I chose to attend Wake Forest law school over several other competitive schools. You were so genuine and caring and made me feel that the atmosphere at Wake was one I wanted to be in for 3 years. Over the 3 years you always had a hello and a kind word for me and anyone else you passed in the halls. You will be missed but you surely deserve a nice, relaxing retirement! Best wishes!"

"Without you, not only would I not be the lawyer I am today, but I probably wouldn't be a lawyer at all. You not only convinced me to become a law student, but convinced me that Wake Forest was a good fit for me (and best of all, you helped me find the money to pay for it). Now, 15 years later, I'm still practicing law and enjoying it (most days). Thank you so much for what you did for me and what you've done for every financially challenged law school student that has graced your office door."

"Wake Forest will miss you!"

"The first person I met who was associated with this school was Melanie Nutt. Without her, I simply would not have been able to afford to attend this institution. Melanie asked me to give her one week before I called UNC I did, and she made it possible. The second person I met in an official capacity was the young woman who was handing out our computer passwords. She and I ended up getting married. So I literally owe my career and my family to Melanie's work getting me into Wake Forest. Thank you, Melanie, and have a wonderful retirement."

"It was truly a pleasure to experience your gracious warmth and kindness. I wish you all the best as you move on to even greater endeavors. Continue creating your signature moments!"

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# Veteran admissions professional **Jay Shively** to head Admissions and Financial Aid

A veteran admissions professional is bringing his experience to the law school as new assistant dean for Admissions and Financial Aid.

"I am thrilled to make Wake Forest law school my professional home," Jay Shively said. "What an amazing opportunity to contribute at one of the country's premiere institutions and with a dream team of faculty and administrators. I look forward to bringing my talents to this rich academic environment."

Shively, who earned his JD from the University of Houston Law Center, began work in June. He succeeds Admissions and Financial Aid Director Melanie Nutt, who has ushered new students into the school for more than 30 years.

"Melanie Nutt is a legend in the world of law school admissions and at Wake Forest law school," he said. "I am humbled by the opportunity to benefit from her many contributions and to use the skills I've developed to help move the law school into the future."

Shively has more than a dozen years in law admissions, most recently at the Penn State University Dickinson School of Law, where he was assistant dean for Admissions and Financial Aid. He also worked as assistant dean for Admissions at the University of North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill and assistant director for Admissions at the University of Houston Law Center.

"I am ecstatic that Jay will be joining our law school admissions team," says Ann Gibbs, associate dean of Administrative and Student Services. "He brings a wealth of experience, and just as importantly, embraces the same warm and personalized approach to admissions that has become a hallmark at Wake Forest law."

Shively, who earned his bachelor's at Florida State University, also served the legal education community as Director of Law School Services at the Law School Admission Council in Newtown, Pa.

In that role, Shively directed the activities of a division responsible for service creation, education, training and support for all law schools in their use of Law School Admission Council services. His division created and implemented a cutting-edge Internet database currently in use by every American law school to manage all law school applications, communicate with students and process the vast amount of data associated with the law school application process.

At Penn State, Shively made final decisions on applicants from a pool of more than 5,300. "We've been successful in meeting a range of institutional goals, including increasing application volumes, improving diversity and attracting a class with historic credentials."

Shively also had the challenge of raising the profile of a law school to match that of a recently affiliated primary institution with a dedicated and engaged alumni.

"I am pleased that with focused admissions and financial aid initiatives we've been successful in elevating the profile of the law school such that it is a source of pride for the university."

At UNC, Shively helped to increase prospective student contact by implementing a broader recruitment strategy, yielding an application volume increase of 77 percent between 2001 and 2004 and advancing the school's national recognition among applicants.

"I have learned in my career to effectively recruit a broad diversity of students, identify talent, manage a large volume of applications in an organized and timely manner, and to effectively communicate and work with the wide variety of university constituents," Shively says.

"It's important to be smart with the numbers but at the same time keep your focus on the students as people. Obviously, in a competitive admissions process you won't be able to give everyone exactly what they want, but you can treat each person you encounter with respect and compassion." ◆

# SCHOOL OF LAW NAMES NEW ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND NEW DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Professor Richard Schneider has been named the new associate dean for International Affairs, and Holly Hedgecock is the new director of the International Programs at Wake Forest University School of Law.

In his new role, Schneider will oversee the Master of Laws (LL.M.) program, the Scientiae Juridicae Doctor (S.J.D.) degree and study abroad programs as well as international student and faculty exchanges.

In her new role, Hedgecock will direct the daily operations associated with the international graduate programs and summer study abroad programs.

"In this new position, Dick will assume administrative responsibilities for our international programs and work closely with the international committee to ensure the salience of our international efforts in our program of legal education," said Dean Blake D. Morant. "Working with Dick will be Holly Hedgecock, who will assume the position of director of International Programs. I am very grateful to Professor Alan Palmiter, whose continuing contributions and efforts remain invaluable to our international initiatives, and Shannon Gilreath, whose direct work has contributed to the success of our LL.M. and S.J.D. programs."

Schneider assumed his new position after Susan Montaquila, longtime assistant dean for the International Graduate Program and professor of Legal Writing, announced that she was leaving her position to become an associate dean for the American University School of Business in Dubai. "The entire Wake Forest community owes Susan a debt of gratitude for her indefatigable efforts that have contributed to the growth and excellence of our LL.M. and S.J.D. programs and her efforts in sustaining our programs and working with us during the forthcoming transition," Morant said.

Schneider's academic and professional activities are multifaceted and national and international in scope. Besides his environmental and international business law courses, he teaches a course called Law, Literature and Culture. He directs the law school's Vienna Summer Program and works in that capacity closely with faculty at the University of Vienna; he has taught in Moscow and Budapest as well.

He currently works and advises on a number of environmental matters in his capacity as Legal Chair of the North Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club. The North Carolina Chapter recently won a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. He has served on the Environmental Committee of the North Carolina State Bar Association and is a board member of the Yadkin Riverkeeper and the ABA Central and East European Law Initiative. After law school, Schneider went to work for Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton in New York and Brussels, where he did a wide range of international transactions.

"I am tremendously excited to be working so closely now with the full range of the Law School's international initiatives," Schneider said. "Law school education in the 21st century has to be global in opportunity and outlook, and I am committed to opening these doors for our students so that they will be positioned to face the realities of current law practice. It is very satisfying to know that Wake Forest alumni circle the globe."

Hedgecock, who joined the school in 2006 as the coordinator for the LL.M. program, will oversee the admissions and enrollment of international students as well as help assist in broadening the international exposure of programs and relationships with International Foundations, among other duties.

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Prior to coming to Wake Forest, Hedgecock worked in the Office of the President of the University of North Carolina and was an adjunct instructor in Forsyth Technical Community College's History department. She earned an undergraduate degree in history with highest honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in history from the Graduate School of the College of Charleston.

"I have really enjoyed working with our international students over the last five years," Hedgecock said. "I hope to continue the success of the international graduate programs, maintain close relationships with our alumni, and help broaden WFU law's presence around the world." ◆

# Law school takes new direction with the Office of Career and Professional Development

The Wake Forest University School of Law is taking a new direction with its newly named Office of Career and Professional Development. Formerly known as the Office of Career Services, the new name aligns with Dean Blake D. Morant's vision for increasing the development of students by helping them build interpersonal skills and gain practical experience.

"The focus is on making sure they get the hands-on training they need to be successful attorneys and competitive candidates in today's job market," says Kim Fields, director of the Office of Career and Professional Development. "The new name of the office accurately reflects the increase in more skill-building and professional development programs for students."

As a result, the Office of Career and Professional Development has moved to the former Interview Suite in the Worrell Professional Center. It has restructured and expanded its staff resources to include an additional assistant director in the office to provide more counseling to students.

Kala Taylor has been appointed the new associate director of the office to replace Amine Seifert, and Kara Bowser ('04) has replaced Taylor as the new assistant

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director. Francie Scott ('04) is the additional new assistant director. Bowser and Scott began their new positions on Aug. 22.

"We are excited to bring on board two more attorneys who are experienced in conducting a legal job search and have practiced law," Field says.

The office will also add an Outreach Coordinator based in Washington, D.C., according to Fields.

"The Outreach Coordinator's primary responsibilities will be to build relationships with employers and develop internship opportunities for students in the D.C. area," she says.

The changes reflect the law school's commitment to its new Applied Legal Theory (Law in Action) Program, which is designed to give all Wake Forest law students a variety of hands-on experiences and skills that will prepare them for the practice of law. This includes expanding curricular opportunities for learning the law in a real-world context.

In addition to clinics, the law school offers capstone courses (upper level courses typically taught through the use of actual or simulated cases) and other skills courses, such as Negotiation and Business Drafting, that emphasize practical lawyering skills.

The law school's Program in Washington includes a metropolitan externship in Washington, D.C., that allows selected third-year students to work as interns in government agencies, non-profit organizations and other settings during the spring semester while taking coursework under the direction of the program supervisor. ◆

Kala Taylor

Kara Bowser ('04)

Richard I. Turkheimer is the new assistant director of development. Turkheimer brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to Wake Forest along with more than 25 years of national radio sales experience. A few of his past positions include General Sales Manager and Director of Sales with Cox Broadcasting; Director of Sales and National Sales Manager with Clear Channel; Manager of National Sales / Affiliations with Associated Press Radio; and Affiliations Manager (Western U.S.) with Traffic.com/Navteq. He comes to the law school most recently from Graylyn International Conference Center. "His strong communication and organizational skills will tremendously benefit our development efforts as we continue to identify and engage alumni who will support Dean Morant's vision for the School of Law. I look forward to our alumni meeting Richard and getting to know him," said Assistant Dean of Development Jon McLamb.

Professor Charley Rose has been selected by the third-year class to be honored with the Student Bar Association's Jurist Excellence in Teaching Award. Rose is one of the favorite law teachers of generations of Wake Forest graduates. This latest honor makes him a nine-time winner of the Jurist Excellence in Teaching Award. He was also awarded the Joseph Branch Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2005. Retiring Admissions and Financial Aid Director Melanie Nutt has been chosen as "Staff Member of the Year" for her 40 years of service and dedication to the school and its students.

The law school has been certified as a host institution for a new important foundation, the Public-Private Partnership for Justice Reform in Afghanistan (PPP), established by the U.S. Department of State and leading private attorneys in the U.S. As a result, the school is hosting its first Afghan scholar during the 2011-12 academic year. The PPP is a prestigious academic foundation supported by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and offers scholarships, training, and other educational resources to Afghan prosecutors, judges, defense lawyers, advocates, and educators. Dean Blake D. Morant describes WFU's participation in this foundation as a "coup" for the school, while Professor Alan Palmiter calls it "a great feather in our law school's international cap."

The Pro Bono Project co-sponsored a symposium, "American Indian Land Rights and Religious Freedom" on April 7 and 8. "The symposium focused on issues that are national in scope, including land-into-trust, environmental degradation, the legal instruments available for the protection of tribal land, including international law, and the practical consequences and implications of these laws for the sovereignty and well-being of American-Indian communities," said law student and Pro Bono Project board member Michael Lennox ('11), who served as a member of the symposium's planning committee. "Additionally, the symposium had an emphasis on forming collaborative relationships and partnerships with Native-American communities with the hope of building a long-term plan of action to address these difficult issues." The law school's own David Smith ('84), who is an adjunct professor, participated in a panel titled, "Regional and International Legal Perspectives: A Review." The event was co-sponsored by the Department of Religion, the Center for Ethics, Religion and Law, the Center for Native Health (Cherokee, N.C.), the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs and the Institute for Public Engagement, which is directed by law Professor Steve Virgil.

Benjamin Todd Jealous, president and CEO of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, addressed the topic "Beyond Jim Crow: Civil Rights, Human Rights, and America's Ongoing Struggle for Fairness and Opportunity" on March 14 in the new WFU Welcome Center. Jealous is the 17th president and chief executive officer of the NAACP and the youngest person to hold the position in the organization's nearly 100-year history. The event was co-sponsored by the School of Law and the Office of the Provost. As part of the weekend, a private roundtable, "Does Civil Rights & the Urban Agenda Have a Future?," for law school professors featured Derek Douglas, adviser to President Obama for Urban Issues, and Lia Epperson, associate professor of law, American University.

The Wake Forest University Teaching and Learning Center has awarded the 2011 Teaching Innovation Award to law Professor Chris Coughlin ('90). Coughlin received the award for a

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course she developed this spring, "Legal Methods for Medical Professionals, which enabled fourth-year medical school students to do a one-month "rotation" in the law school. The purpose of the course is to provide fourth-year medical students with an understanding of the fundamentals of legal methods and analysis, with a particular focus on health-related issues that will affect their medical residency and future practice.

The law school has partnered with the Animal Legal Defense Fund to create a student chapter of the national non-profit group. Wake Forest law students will join the ranks of hundreds of other student chapter members nationwide, taking on projects such as: hosting speakers, debates and panels on campus to raise awareness about animal issues and volunteering to do pro bono legal research and writing for local law firms and animal-welfare organizations. So far, the Wake Forest Student Animal Legal Defense Fund chapter held its first organizational meeting with more than 40 students joining the organization, sponsored an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) guest speaker and supported a puppy-mill regulation ordinance in Guilford County.

The Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy adopted the "Losing to Win: Discussions of Race and Intercollegiate Sports," conference, which was held April 13 and 14, as its spring 2011 symposium. The major interdisciplinary conference was sponsored by the Provost and organized by the law school's Professor Timothy Davis and Wake Forest University Department of Sociology's Professor Earl Smith. The conference examined the issues of race and intercollegiate sports through a wide and comprehensive lens and featured the perspectives of athletes, academics,

Three law students, Alexandra Ford ('12), Michael Grippaldi ('11), and Craig Principe ('12), have been selected for the 2011-12 North Carolina Albert Schweitzer Fellows program. They join about 250 U.S. Fellows, including three from WFU's School of Medicine, selected across the country this year. Schweitzer Fellows partner with community-based organizations to identify an unmet health care need, design a year-long service project with a demonstrable impact on that need, and seek opportunities to make their work sustainable beyond their one-year contribution to the organization and the community. Fellows contribute at least 200 hours of service for each project. Ford and Principe are partnering on a project aimed at addressing health care disparities among children who are placed in Stokes County Department of Social Services (DSS) custody. Through their sponsoring organizations, Guardian ad Litem (GAL) of Stokes County, they will serve as GALs for nine children from Stokes County. Grippaldi is one of the law school's first joint-degree, JD/MA in Bioethics students. He will be completing both degrees during his fellowship year, and his project grew out of his passion for both health care law and bioethics. His project addresses an important and unmet need in the Winston-Salem community for advance-care planning.

administrators, lawyers and journalists. The journal editors will devote one issue, which is anticipated to publish in winter 2012, to a collection of law review-style articles from more than a dozen of the "Losing to Win" conferees. In addition to Professor Davis, panelists from the law school included Professor Ahmed Taha, Professor Omari Simmons and Professor Beth Hopkins, director of the law school's pro bono and outreach efforts.

The Wake Forest Law Review hosted "The Sustainable Corporation" as its 2011 Business Symposium on April 1. The symposium brought together legal scholars and policy leaders who offered a range of perspectives on the question: "How do business firms contribute to – or undermine – the ability of social, ecological and environmental systems to endure?" The question raised issues concerning community development, corporate governance, energy policy, environmental law, institutional shareholders, labor relations, business transparency, nonprofits, and securities markets. The business community is actively engaged in understanding the practical challenges of sustainability, according to event organizer Professor Alan Palmiter. The event was made possible by the generous donation of Bill Wilson ('80).

Morris Dees' soft drawl belies the fire that the co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center still carries for work that befits Wake Forest University's motto, pro humanitate. Speaking before about 200 law students – as well as faculty members and the public – for the school's annual Public Interest Retreat on Feb. 4, Dees pushed students to remember that they are to treat people fairly and that all deserve an equal opportunity. Dees, 74, used real-life examples during his keynote address to illustrate how lawyers and leaders make a difference.

For the first time, Wake Forest undergraduates as well as those from other universities and colleges could sign up this summer for "Topics in Political Science: Lawyers and Legal Institutions," which was offered during Summer Session I. Sponsored by the law school and taught by law Professors Wilson Parker and Chris Coughlin ('90), the course introduced students to the legal system and legal analysis. Students had the opportunity to learn what law school is like and what lawyers actually do, whether trying a murder case or drafting a prenuptial agreement. The three-credit course counts toward a political science major or fulfills an elective.

The Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award was presented to Professor of Law Ahmed Taha — who specializes in the regulation of consumer financial products and empirical studies of the behavior of judges and litigants — at the Founders' Day Convocation on Feb. 17 in Wait Chapel. Professor Taha is a frequent contributor to Forbes.com, where he writes about contemporary issues within the field of investments. He has had a number of other scholarly works published as well, including a study that brought to light the misleading nature of many mutual fund advertisements that garnered national attention. His research reflects both his training in law and in economics. Professor Taha teaches Civil Procedure, Business Organizations and Antitrust, among other courses.

This year's Pro Bono Project Spring Break Service Trip allowed students to partner with Legal Aid of Pembroke and provide legal services and community outreach to local

The Wake Forest National Trial Team, sponsored by Tom Comerford ('74) and Cliff Britt ('86), competed in the National Trial Competition April 6-10 in Houston. After knocking off teams from Stanford University and Yale University in the preliminary rounds, the trio of Kelly Beth Smith ('11), Charlie Mellies ('11) and Matthew McClellan ('12) advanced to the Elite 8. The team then lost a close match to Northwestern University, who would go on to win the entire competition. Pictured in front, from left: Leslie Cockrell ('12), Charlie Mellies ('11), Sarah Hayward ('11), and Coach Stephanie Reese ('96). Back row: Amy Puckett ('11), Luke MacDowall ('11), Kelly Beth Smith ('11), Andi Dorfman ('12) and Matthew McClellan ('12). "Every member of the team put in hundreds of hours of hard work and long nights, including sacrificing part of spring break, to prepare for the national competition," Reese said. "Mark Boyton ('97), and I are very proud of the hard work of every member of the National Trial Team. They are to be commended for their dedication to excellence and their representation of Wake Forest at every level of the competition."

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*- Stephanie Reese ('96)*

residents, including members of the Lumbee tribe, said Pro Bono Project board member Kaitlyn Girard ('12). The students conducted a clinic March 7-12 for a Native American veterans group, performed title searches on the Resettlement Act of 1934 and provided assistance in the areas of Medicaid, food stamps and housing. Last fall, the law school's Pro Bono Project launched the Pembroke Legal Services student group that committed to providing pro bono services to the Lumbee Indians in the rural area of southeast North Carolina, which includes Pembroke and Lumberton, said Beth Hopkins, law school director of outreach. "Our law school group is the first one in the state to help the Pembroke office," she said.

This year's annual Public Interest Law Organization (PILO) Charity Auction raised more than $17,000, a record for the event. More than half of the school's nearly 500 students participated in the spring auction that raised $17,403, compared with $15,476 last year, said PILO auction organizer Jackie Willingham ('11). More than 100 items were donated for auction from faculty, staff, students, the local business community and others, including the Carolina Hurricanes, Carolina Panthers, WFU Athletic Department, and WFU alumnus Alphonso Smith, who is a cornerback for the Detroit Lions. More than 30 businesses donated, including Burke Street Pizza, Dewey's Bakery and RayLen Vineyards, which donated food and drinks for the event. One hundred percent of the auction's proceeds go to law students as grants for summer

The North Carolina Court of Appeals has unanimously ruled in favor of the law school's Appellate Advocacy Clinic in *Haas v. Jugis*. *Haas* is the case in which Megan Curran ('11) argued on Oct. 26, 2010, to a panel of Court of Appeals judges who were hearing oral arguments at the law school. In *Haas*, the owner of property in a subdivision attempted to block a Catholic church from putting a parking lot on two parcels of land adjoining its existing church and parking lot. The trial court held that the covenant language prohibited the Church from putting parking lots on the land. The Court of Appeals reversed, holding that use of the land for paved parking lots "does not fall within the natural meaning of the carrying on of a commercial enterprise." Curran was only the second law student ever to have argued in the North Carolina Court of Appeals, the other being Jennifer Avriett ('08), who successfully argued in the case of *Corbett v. Gray* in March 2008 while a member of the Appellate Advocacy Clinic. Katy Aultman ('10) and Tim Wyatt ('10) drafted the Church's brief. The clinic handled six appeals this year, with five oral arguments, including four appeals in the Fourth Circuit.

internships. PILO annually sponsors an auction to raise money to fund scholarships for those interested in taking summer jobs working in public interest, which are typically unpaid.

The Elder Law Clinic held a free "Women and Aging: Fundamentals for Caregivers in Planning for Retirement" program on March 22 in the Sticht Center auditorium in the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. The program focused on fundamentals for women to plan and transition into retirement, according to program organizer Jackie Willingham ('11). Speakers came from the North Carolina Secretary of State's office and the Social Security Administration's Retirement, Survivors and Disability Division, among others. They discussed investor education, financial transition, planning for the unexpected, long-term care insurance, and Social Security benefits. Other area agencies, such as Senior Financial Care, the Area Agency on Aging, Senior Services, Inc. and AARP, had representatives on hand.

The Journal of Law and Policy hosted its spring colloquium, "Preparing Law Students for Evolving Client Relationships," on Feb. 15. It focused on a key concern within the changing legal landscape: "How to better prepare students to build and maintain client relationships?" The colloquium addressed a number of issues, including how students can become more marketable to firms and clients. Speakers included Beth Keasler, director of Entry-Level Recruiting and Development at Womble Carlyle; Edward Winslow III, managing partner at Brooks Pierce; Rose Kenyon, Strategic Planning and Emerging Trends Chairman for the North Carolina Bar Association; Professor Steve Virgil, director of the Community Law and Business Clinic;

Bob Young cheerfully acknowledges his own attention deficit disorder. He had three baseball caps with him when he appeared on March 25 at the law school to prove it. Young darted from topic to topic, frequently interrupting his own answers to students' questions with stories and advice as he gave the keynote talk at a symposium organized by the Wake Forest Business and Intellectual Property Law Journal. The symposium, "Creative Capital: Intellectual Property and Venture Capital," was about the intersection of intellectual property and business law, with special attention to the IP-based startup company. In that regard, Young was more than qualified as keynote speaker. Deftly switching his baseball caps throughout the keynote and question-and-answer session with some 200 law and business students in attendance, Young wove in details about his career. He spent nearly two decades in charge of two computer-leasing companies before becoming co-founder of Red Hat, the open-source software company. Then, arguably when Red Hat was just hitting its stride, he left to start Lulu.com, a company geared toward helping anyone become a published author. The message that the soft-spoken Young carried was twofold: Keeping customers happy, and not letting the law get too much in the way of keeping customers happy. Though Young kept a modest slant on his achievements, his work with both Red Hat and Lulu.com was lauded by Professor Simone Rose, who introduced him. She said that "what Bob did was take open-source services and bring it to the next level." After his keynote speech, Young got together with about 20 students for a more personal question-and-answer session.

and Professor Harold Lloyd, former General Counsel for The Fresh Market Inc.

In early October, more than 20 students committed to work with the Forsyth County District Attorney's office on a major project. Their goal was to review the files of more than 200 people charged with capital crimes to determine if race may have played a role in recommending the death penalty for some of those cases. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §15A-2010 et seq. ("The Racial Justice Act"), an inmate on death row may request review of his or her case if the inmate believes the prosecutor considered race when recommending the death penalty. The statute allows the judge, in a postconviction proceeding, to use statewide statistics as part of this inquiry. "If there is significant evidence of racial bias in sentencing, a defendant may be able to avoid the death penalty," said Matt Hayes ('12), who worked on the project. As part of this Racial Justice Act (RJA) litigation, prosecutors must explain the pattern of charging decisions in all of their homicide cases over the past 10 years, relying on non-racial aggravating factors (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 15A-2000(e)), such as the seriousness of the offense and the impact of the crime on the victim's family and community. This requires a detailed review of homicide files from the police and prosecutors in this county over the past 10 years, and Wake Forest law school students were eager and ready for the challenge. With an interest in criminal law, an eye for detail, and a strong desire to help, the students who had been trained by Assistant District Attorney and Wake Forest Professor of Practice David Hall began their work.

Exoneree Beverly Monroe visited the law school on March 24 to discuss the 11 years she spent wrongfully incarcerated and fighting to clear her name. Sponsored by the Innocence and Justice Clinic, "Death, Lies and False Confessions: The Wrongful Conviction of Beverly Monroe" told the moving tale of what happened beginning in 1992, when a 60-year-old wealthy research scientist and art collector was found dead in his home on a 220-acre estate in Virginia. Eventually, Monroe was charged, tried and convicted for premeditated murder. Monroe's daughter, Katie Monroe, a lawyer with the Civil Rights Commission at the time, quit her job and worked tirelessly to assist with the eventual exoneration of her mother. Katie Monroe now directs the Rocky Mountain Innocence Center in Utah.

"Each case was unique and interesting. I really enjoyed applying my research and analytical skills to reconstruct the crimes," Hayes said. Not only did the students summarize the factual and legal background for each case file, but they helped to lighten the workload and free up valuable time for the attorneys at the District Attorney's Office. The students who volunteered their time for this project exemplified Wake Forest law's motto of Pro Iustitia ("In Service of Justice.") "It was a pleasure serving the community in an effort to fight racial injustice," Hayes said. "Participating in the Pro Bono Project gave me a chance to step back and apply what I've learned in the classroom to a real-world setting."

Professor Steve Virgil has been recognized as the Mortgage Foreclosure Attorney of the Year by Legal Aid of North Carolina. Virgil, who is the director of the law school's Community Law and Business Clinic, supervised 24 law students who handled nearly 100 mortgage foreclosure cases in 2010 for LANC Virgil and the students were recognized at the fourth annual pro bono celebration held by LANCs Winston-Salem office at the Hawthorne Inn in April. The event celebrated the pro bono efforts of its local attorneys in 2010. "This is wonderful recognition from Legal Aid of the pro bono efforts of Professor Virgil and our students," said Suzanne Reynolds ('77), Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Also recognized as Housing/Consumer Attorney of the Year was Mark D. Boynton ('97) of Kilpatrick Townsend and Stockton.

The law school conferred hoods on 170 JD and 13 LL.M. graduates on Sunday, May 15, in Wait Chapel. The law school's 37th annual hooding speaker, U.S. Supreme Court Clerk William K. Suter, told the graduates and their families and friends there's more to life than being a lawyer and getting a good job. "Do something that you want to do," he said. "You should also strive to be honorable and responsible citizens. I believe all of us have skills we can use to better society." Graduation exercises were held on Monday, May 16, at Hearn Plaza, where Suter received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Wake Forest. Suter is the 19th Clerk of the Supreme Court, a position he has held since 1991. The clerk attends all oral arguments at the Court. The clerk's responsibilities include managing the Supreme Court's docket and calendar and overseeing the Supreme Court Bar. Suter is a retired major general in the U.S. Army. Dean Blake D. Morant described hooding as a bittersweet moment for him and shared a number of memorable moments he shared with the class. "Everything you've experienced in your three years you have greeted with humor and this mixture of spirit, warmth and dedication that truly personifies your class," he said. He also told the graduates that he is confident that each one of the class of 2011 will continue to thrive. "Your ability to hit the ground running irrespective of any obstacle will give you a great sense of accomplishment and will ensure your success." The ceremony, which included the bestowing of numerous awards, was followed by the Dean's Hooding Reception at the Forsyth Country Club.

Carol B. Anderson

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**Carol Anderson**

Publications

- "The Hierarchy of Juror Decision-Making," to be published this fall by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy in partnership with Lexis Nexis.
- Rewriting both North Carolina Trial Practice (originally published in 1994) and Anderson on Advocacy to reflect recent trends and significant changes in the way lawyers approach trial work.

**Jonathan Cardi**

Appointments

- Incoming Associate Dean of Research and Development

Awards and Honors

- Awarded grant to conduct study on The Role of Implicit Racial Bias in Tort Jury Decisionmaking, with Valerie Hans and Gregory Parks

Publications

- Does Tort Law Deter Individuals' Risky Conduct? (with Albert Yoon & Randy Penfield) Still awaiting publication.
- The Hidden Legacy of Palsgraf: Modern Duty Law in Microcosm – B.U. L. Rev. – (forthcoming 2011)
- The Taxpayer's Burden from Product-Related Harm, — Kan. J. L. & Pub. Pol'y – (with Ruth Ruttenberg and Estye Fenton, forthcoming 2011)

**Don Castleman**

Publications

- "Conflict of Conscience: Refusal of Healthcare Providers to Withdraw Life Support" Vol.3, Bk. 2, Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal, Spring, 2011, Texas Tech University Law School
- In collaboration with co-author Gail Richmond (Nova) contracted with Carolina Press to write "Mastering Wills and Trusts"

**Jennifer Collins**

Presentations

- "Privilege or Punish: Criminal Justice and the Challenge of Family Ties," at the 2011 AALS Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

**Michael Curtis**

Presentations

- "Citizens United and Davis v. FEC, Lochner on Steroids and Democracy on Life Support," University of Illinois School of Law colloquium, November 2010. A draft of the paper has been on six different top 10 lists for papers downloaded on SSRN.
- "Lincoln: A War President," a presentation at the Michigan State University symposium on prerogative and executive power, March 2011.
- "The Fabric of Freedom: A History of Free Speech and Criminal Law." Luncheon talk at the Texas Tech Law School symposium on criminal law and free speech. April 2011.

Publications

- Completed the 3d Edition of Volumes 1 and 2 of the casebook, Constitutional Law in Context, Michael Curtis, Wilson Parker, and their co-authors
- "The Fraying Fabric of Freedom: One Perspective on the History of Free Speech, Democracy, and Criminal Law," Forthcoming, Texas Tech Law Review. [in progress]

**Tim Davis**

Presentations

- Co-organizer and moderator: "Losing to Win: Discussions of Race and Intercollegiate Athletics," April 13 and 14, 2011, Wake Forest University.

Publications

- "American Needle, Inc. v. NFL: Reflections on its Labor Law Implications," 1 Wake Forest L. Rev. Online 1 (2011).

**Miriam E. Felsenburg**

Presentations

- A Better Beginning: Why and How to Help Novice Legal Writers Build a Solid Foundation By Shifting Their Focus From Product to Process,"(with Laura Graham) Empire State Legal Writing Conference, N.Y.C, May 13, 2011.

Publications

- "A Better Beginning: Why and How to Help Novice Legal Writers Build a Solid Foundation By Shifting Their Focus From Product to Process," (with Laura Graham) (forthcoming in Fall, 2011, Regent Law Review) Available now on SSRN and online Legal Writing Institute eJournal.
- "Legal Writing Professors Morphing Into Contract Drafting Professors," (with Barbara Lentz, Grace Hum, Carolyn Broering-Jacobs, & Ted Becker), 12 Transactions, the Tennessee Journal of Business Law 127 (2011).

Don Castleman

Jennifer Collins

Michael Curtis

**Laura Graham**

**Presentations**

- "A Better Beginning: Helping Novice Legal Writers Shift Their Focus from Product to Process" (co-presented with Miki Felsenburg), Second Annual Empire State Legal Writing Conference, St. John's University, New York, May 2011
- "Corrective Vision: Giving Our Students Better Insight into the Role of the Legal Writing Professor," N.C./S.C. Legal Writing Colloquium, N.C. Central university School of Law, May 2011

**Publications**

- "A Better Beginning: Why and How to Help Novice Legal Writers Build a Solid Foundation by Shifting Their Focus from Product to Process" (co-authored with Miki Felsenburg), available at http://ssrn.com/abstract=1845024.

**Michael Green**

**Appointments**

- Chair, Lateral Appointments Committee

**Media**

- Interviewed on local television newscast about high-profile wrongful death litigation.
- Quoted in National Law Journal about emerging pharmaceutical multi-district litigation.
- Quoted in U.S. Law Week about the implications of Washington state Supreme Court case on economic loss and about a U.S. Court of Appeals case on toxic causation.

**Presentations**

- Delivered a paper on "Sense and Nonsense in FELA causation," at a festschrift for Bob Rabin at DePaul University School of Law
- Attended and participated in discussion of "Proportional Liability" draft at meeting of European Group on Tort Law in Vienna, Austria
- Attended and participated in discussion of Chapter 10 or Restatement (Third) of Torts: Liability for Physical and Emotional Harm at ALI annual meeting in San Francisco.

**Publications**

- Book entitled "Tort Law and Alternatives (9th ed.)" (with M. Franklin and R. Rabin) (Foundation 2011).
- Article entitled, "The Impact of the Civil Jury on American Tort Law," 38 Pepp. L. Rev. 337 ( 2011).

Tim Davis co-organized and moderated "Losing to Win: Discussions of Race and Intercollegiate Athletics."

**Mark Hall**

**Presentations**

- "Constitutional Challenges to Health Care Reform," Am. Society Law, Medicine & Ethics, Chicago, June 2011.
- "Constitutional Challenges to Health Care Reform," Annual Meeting of AcademyHealth, Seattle, June 2011.
- "Consumer-driven health care: perspectives from a different hemisphere," University of Melbourne Medical School, Dean's Lecture, April 2011
- "The Politics, Policy and Law of Obama's Health Care Reform," University of Melbourne Law School, Sir Kenneth Bailey Memorial Lecture, April 2011.
- "Challenges to U.S. Health Care Reform: Rhetoric vs. Reality," University of Tasmania Law School, March 2011.

**Publications**

- Individual Versus State Constitutional Rights Under Health Care Reform. 42 Ariz. St. Law J. 1233 (2011).
- Risk Adjustment Under the Affordable Care Act: A Guide for Federal and State Regulators, The Commonwealth Fund, May 2011
- Who will be Uninsured after Health Insurance Reform? Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, March 2011.
- Approaching Universal Coverage with Better Safety Net Programs for the Uninsured. 11 Yale J. Health Policy, Law & Ethics 9 (2011).
- Constitutional Challenges to Compulsory Insurance: A Guide through the Gauntlet. 41 Hastings Center Report 14 (2011).
- Rethinking safety-net access for the uninsured. 364 New Engl J Med. 6 (2011).
- The Sausage-making of Insurance Reform, 41 Hastings Center Rep. 9 (Jan. 2011).
- Health care reform–what went wrong on the way to the courthouse. 364 New Engl J Med. 295 (2011)

# MARGARET TAYLOR

Professor Margaret Taylor grew up near the Rio Grande, which creates a natural border between the U.S. and Mexico.

From her home in El Paso, Texas, Taylor and her family watched as the debate over immigration unfolded around them. She watched the people in Texas and thought of the people who lived in Juarez, Mexico, on the other side of an often-impenetrable boundry.

She became captivated by their stories and the policies that divided the countries.

Taylor is a professor of torts and an immigration law expert. On March 29, Taylor spent some time speaking with law students as part of the "Conversation With" series.

"I had this sense of borders, of us and them, and of dividing lines," she said. "The notion of borders was a significant part of my culture."

Her early life helped not only to define who she would become, but also served as a guide as she ascended toward a remarkable law career. Her mother was a teacher, her father a Presbyterian minister. He gave much thought to the Sanctuary Movement, wherein churches offered safe haven to Central Americans seeking refugee status.

Taylor began to study immigration issues, and as a student at the University of Texas she visited Mexico as part of a mission trip. She helped persuade the trip organizer to detour the return route through Los Fresnos, the site of an Immigration and Naturalization Service detention facility. She remembers the prisoners, their bright orange jumpsuits contrasted against the somber prison walls.

"That experience … really shaped a lot about what I did," Taylor said. "I was captivated with policy before I even knew what policy was."

Taylor is well known for her teaching and research on immigration detention policy and the deportation of criminal offenders. She is a recipient of the school's Joseph Branch Excellence in Teaching Award and of the Elmer Fried Excellence in Teaching Award from the American Immigration Lawyers Association. She has testified on immigration detention before Congress and the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform. She served as chair of the American Association of Law Schools section on Immigration Law, was appointed to the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration, and served on the Advisory Board of the Appearance Assistance Program of the Vera Institute of Justice.

An accomplished writer, Taylor earned her JD from the Yale Law School, where she was editor of the Yale Law and Policy Review.

It was during a clerkship with the Honorable Jerre S. Williams, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, that she began to contemplate a career in

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*- Professor Margaret Taylor*

*Timothy Davis*

academia.

"Judge Williams started to plant the seeds in my mind as well. He was a gifted writer. And when you're in an office where your job is turning out written work five days a week, and you have someone who is continually editing your work and teaching you how to make it better … that actually had a tremendous impact on me, in part because he was so skilled at it."

She thought about life as an undergrad at Texas, which is a big school with big classes. But Yale was different. Smaller, more intimate.

"I really did genuinely feel that I didn't have a true educational experience until I experienced it in a smaller environment," she told the law students.

It's that personal interaction, the close working relationship between student and instructor, that define Wake Forest.

"When I was on the market thinking about teaching jobs, one of the things that was a big priority to me was to try to find an environment where there were small class sizes and a lot of emphasis on interaction between faculty and students … I had benefitted so much from it and had grown so much from that when I was a law student.

"That continual interaction with students is one of the key and best things about teaching."

She relishes the moment when the proverbial light bulb goes off in first-year law students, that moment when they begin to understand how the cases they read mesh, allowing the students to reflect on doctrine.

"Most of my work tends to be what is happening in the real world rather than the pure theory," she said.

Taylor helps students navigate through the functions of immigration courts, which are linked to another of her classes — administrative law. She recently has worked on legalization issues based on public-service projects and other inquiries with an eye toward a congressional move to enact a legalization program. How should it be designed? How should it be administered?

"When we last enacted a legalization program in 1986, the question of design, and the question of how to administer the program were, to put it diplomatically, not very well thought out," she said.

As a law student Taylor wrote a paper about what at that time were policies surrounding INS detention. She is now the author of numerous articles, book chapters, symposia and other presentations.

"Immigration detention was my first key topic," she said. "Immigration law is an unusual field for legal scholars of my generation because it was so new. People had been writing about torts for well over 100 years. The first immigration law casebook came out when I was in law school.

"When I became a law professor in 1991, I actually had a luxury of defining a research agenda nobody had thought about or written law review articles about. There was very little policy attention in Congress about who is being detained by the INS, why are they being detained … It was a very open area, a wonderful opportunity for a young scholar."

- Clearing Out the Underbrush in Constitutional Challenges to Health Insurance Reform. 363 New Engl J Med. (2010).
- Using Payroll Deduction to Shelter Individual Health Insurance from Income Tax. Health Serv Res. (Nov. 2010).
- Paying for Individual Health Insurance Through Tax-Sheltered Cafeteria Plans. 47 Inquiry 252 (Fall 2010).

**Kate Irwin-Smiler**

**Appointments**

- Co-editor of Jurisdocs, Newsletter of Government Documents Special Interest Section of Amer. Assn. of Law Libraries

**Presentations**

- AAL Career Center, Southeastern Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Columbia S.C., April 14, 2011.
- "You Can't Handle the Truth!": Using Pop Culture to Teach Legal Research," Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Summer Conference, New York Law School, June 2, 2011.

**John Korzen**

**Activities**

- Coached two teams in the inaugural Billings, Exum & Frye Moot Court Competition hosted by Elon Law School. One of the teams was awarded Second Best Brief, out of 31 teams in the competition.

**Appellate Arguments**

- Argued in the North Carolina Court of Appeals in Raleigh

# KAMI CHAVIS SIMMONS

Jurors recently convicted five police officers accused of civil rights violations and obstruction of justice after the shooting of six people in New Orleans. Federal prosecutors alleged that the defendant police officers shot at two families as they crossed the Danziger Bridge in New Orleans while fleeing Hurricane Katrina's floodwaters. Two victims, one of which sustained gunshot wounds to the back of the head, died, and four others were critically wounded. Prosecutors claimed that after the shooting, the police engaged in an elaborate effort to conceal the fact that the victims were unarmed and to give the appearance that the officers' actions were justified.

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Associate Law Professor Kami Chavis Simmons, an expert in police accountability, says the New Orleans Police Department has long struggled with allegations of police misconduct and corruption. According to Simmons, the Danziger Bridge incident exemplifies the organizational nature of misconduct.

Simmons notes, "Perhaps what is most disturbing about the incident is that the supervising officers who were assigned to investigate the shooting became part of the ensuing cover-up. So while the officers directly involved in the shooting may bear some culpability, the entire police department is accountable."

Simmons acknowledges "the overwhelming majority of police officers are professionals who risk their lives to keep the rest of society safe. Unfortunately, police misconduct and corruption persists in the United States. Many shortcomings stem from a lack of accountability within police agencies and an organizational culture that cultivates and tolerates misconduct. The guilty verdicts in this case should prompt us to take a closer look at the reforms needed in police departments around the nation."

In her writing, Simmons identifies several practices that impact institutional culture within police agencies. For example, she notes that many police agencies fail to track "problem" officers so that supervisors can properly identify them, lack a fair and comprehensive complaint process, and do not have adequate procedures in place to investigate uses of force. Simmons notes, "Implementing an early warning tracking system would help supervisors identify those officers that might need to be retrained, reassigned or released. Similarly, improving or implementing other reforms ensures transparency and accountability."

Simmons is acutely aware of how police misconduct impacts communities. "The number of individual officers who engage in misconduct is quite small," she says. "Ninety-nine percent of police officers perform reasonably in the face of incredible danger. Much of my work focuses on the one percent of officers who do not. It is this small number of officers that cause community members to lose trust and question the legitimacy of the criminal justice system. Many jurisdictions have had great success with community policing programs, but it can be difficult for communities to partner with police if residents do not trust them."

Simmons' scholarship uses democratic theory to demonstrate the importance of stakeholder participation in reforming police agencies. Simmons' work explores federalism issues and how these issues impact local police practices. Her first publication, "The Politics of Policing: Ensuring Stakeholder Participation in the Federal Reform of Local Police Practices," appeared in The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology. In 2010, the Catholic University Law Review published her article entitled "New Governance and the 'New Paradigm' of Police Accountability: A Democratic Approach to Police Reform". Simmons recently published an article entitled "Cooperative Federalism and Police Reform: Using Congressional Spending Power to Promote Police Accountability," which appeared in the Summer 2011 volume of the University of Alabama Law Review.

This past spring, Simmons spoke at a symposium at Washington and Lee University School of Law on racial profiling. She notes, "Racial profiling is an important subset of police accountability. Many states now mandate collection of data during

Miki Felsenburg

traffic stops that includes recording the race of the driver and whether officers have asked that person to consent to a search of their vehicle. Many scholars are anxious to analyze this data and determine to what extent police officers disproportionately stop and search racial minorities."

Before she began teaching at Wake Forest five years ago, Simmons was an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, involving her in a wide range of criminal prosecutions and in arguing and briefing appeals before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

"I like teaching at Wake Forest because of the intellectual curiosity of the students, and I like having the chance to shape future lawyers," she says. "It's hard for me to hide my excitement when students want to do criminal defense and prosecution."

Simmons continues, "Many students ask me about my previous experience as an AUSA and seek advice about becoming a prosecutor. I always tell them that one of the most important qualities in a prosecutor is integrity. As a prosecutor, I was reminded daily of the importance of protecting our Constitutional rights, and the importance of protecting these rights continues to inform my scholarship related to improving police practices."

Incidents like the Danziger Bridge shooting and the ensuing cover-up undermine public confidence in law-enforcement agencies, according to Simmons.

"This lack of legitimacy has negative consequences for both police and the communities they serve because community members are less likely to partner with police to solve crime," she says. "Prosecutors and those investigating police wrongdoing will not always have the testimony or cooperation of other police officers to uncover wrongdoing. Thus, efforts to eradicate police misconduct and corruption will be ineffective unless reforms address the culture of the police organization itself. No community should endure another incident like the Danziger Bridge shooting."

in June on behalf of the plaintiff-appellant in a railroad negligence case, Tedder v. CSX Transportation, Inc. During the spring semester, as part of the Appellate Advocacy Clinic, supervised three 3L's who argued in the Fourth Circuit in Richmond.

**Awards**

- "The Last First Date," a play won first place in a contest sponsored by the Winston-Salem Writers, a local organization with more than 100 members. The play was performed in April, with 3L Katie Serfas and her husband JD playing the lead roles. "Keeping Score" won third place in the creative non-fiction category in another contest sponsored by the Winston-Salem Writers. The piece is about John's time as a minor league official scorer in the summer before he started law school. It will be published this fall in an anthology of various types of works about Winston-Salem.

**Presentations**

- "Criminal Appeals in the Fourth Circuit," spoke about article at a CLE sponsored by the Federal Bar Association, Middle District of North Carolina Chapter, in April.

**Barbara Lentz**

**New Course**

- "Art, Cultural Heritage and the Law" developed and taught as part of Wake Forest University

# GREGORY PARKS

Assistant Professor of Law Gregory Parks' research focuses on how race and social science intersect with the law.

While generally interested in the application of cognitive and social psychology to law, his work has specifically focused on implicit (automatic/unconscious) attitudes and how they relate, or should relate, to the law.

Parks' scholarship also focuses on black fraternal networks and their relation to the law–from both an empirical (e.g., violent hazing) and historical (e.g., involvement in the Civil Rights movement) perspective.

While he was doing his post-graduate work in Kentucky, he worked on his first book, "African American Fraternities and Sororities." As a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, the first continuous intercollegiate black fraternity, which happens to be Dean Blake D. Morant's fraternity, Parks discovered little serious scholarship had been done on these organizations.

"My interest came from being a member, and I thought the book was going to be a one off," he said. "But when I started receiving a lot of emails after the book was published in 2005 with questions we hadn't answered in the first book, I thought I would address the topic again."

These fraternities and sororities are some of the most complex organizations Parks said he has ever encountered. "They are full of luminaries that were involved in the civil rights movement and helped facilitate their networks for social change," he said.

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> *- Professor Gregory Parks*

He has authored or edited nearly 10 scholarly books, including "12 Angry Men: True Stories of Being a Black Man in America Today" (The New Press 2011), "The Obamas and a (Post) Racial America?" (Oxford University Press 2011), and "Alpha Phi Alpha: A Legacy of Greatness, the Demands of Transcendence" (University Press of Kentucky 2011). Parks has also authored more than a half-dozen law review articles. He is currently co-authoring a book for Oxford University Press on unconscious race bias and the law.

Parks earned his JD from Cornell University in 2008, a doctor of philosophy in clinical psychology and a master's of arts in clinical psychology from the University of Kentucky in 2004/01, a master's of science in forensic psychology from City University of New York's John Jay College of Criminal Justice in 1999 and a bachelor's of science in psychology from Howard University in 1996.

Prior to coming to Wake Forest, Parks practiced in the Trial Group of McDermott Will & Emery LLP's D.C. office. There he worked on general trial and appellate matters.

He has also been a Visiting Fellow at Cornell Law School and a law clerk on both the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit for the Honorable Andre M. Davis and the District of Columbia

Court of Appeals for the Honorable Anna Blackburne-Rigsby.

During the 2011-12 academic year, Parks will teach Civil Procedure and Unconscious Bias and the Law. In subsequent years he expects to add courses in Social Science and the Law and Race and the Law.

Parks said he went to Kentucky to train to be a trial consultant, and while he was in graduate school there he met another student in his program, Michelle Cardi, wife of Wake Forest's Associate Dean of Research and Development Jonathan Cardi. Michelle Cardi facilitated a meeting and a close friendship developed between Parks and Associate Dean Cardi.

"I was interested in being a professor but not a psychology professor, because the research didn't appeal to me and Jonathan convinced me to become a law professor," explained Parks, who has since co-edited a book with Cardi on the intersection of psychology, race and the law.

Parks is looking forward to teaching Wake Forest law students and continuing his research. "The teaching part came from my parents," he said. "My mom was an elementary school teacher and my dad was a junior high and high school teacher and administrator."

In his spare time, Parks enjoys doing mixed martial arts, cooking and traveling.

"I have a black belt, and I don't play around," he said with a smile.

*Laura Graham*

*Michael Green*

School of Law London Program, May – June 2011

**Presentations**

- "Using 'The Daily Show' and Popular Media to Teach Persuasive Writing Skills" at Empire State Legal Writing Conference, hosted by St. John's University Law School in New York, New York on May 13, 2011.

**Publications**

- "Legal Writing and Contract Drafting" in Volume 12 of Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law ___ (April 2011) (publishing proceedings of June 2010 Transactional Education national conference hosted by Emory Law School).

**Kate Mewhinney**

**Appointments**

- Member of ABA Site Evaluation Team for accreditation visit to University of Washington Law School. (May 2011)

**Publications**

- Book chapter, "Geriatric Care: Elder Law in the Health Care Setting," with Eric J. Hardt, M.D., in Poverty, Health and Law: Readings and Cases for Medical-Legal Partnership. Elizabeth Tobin Tyler, ed. (Forthcoming, 2011) Carolina Academic Press.

**Blake D. Morant**

**Presentations**

- "Sir Thomas More's Dilemma of Conscience: Understanding the Conflict Between Personal Beliefs and Professional Expectations," Fort Bragg Army J.A.G. Corps, Fayetteville, N.C., May 20, 2011.
- "The Challenges Facing the Future of Legal Education," Charlotte Law School, Charlotte, N.C., March 23, 2011.
- "State of Legal Education: Response of the Wake Forest University School of Law," Greensboro BarAssociation, Greensboro, N.C., January 20, 2011.
- Panelist, "Getting to No: Law Professors and the Work-Life Balance," AAla.S Section on New Law Professors, San Francisco, Calif., January 6, 2011.

**Publications**

- Foreword: The Wake Forest Journal of Law & Policy, Volume 1 of the Wake Forest Journal of Law & Policy, (2011)

**Alan Palmiter**

**Appointments**

- Faculty of Law, University of Padua (April-June 2011) (Comparative Public Law: U.S. Constitution and U.S. corporation)

**Media**

- "Small savers and large companies," [Piccoli risparmiatori e grandi società], Interview in Il Mattino, Padua, Italy (May 24, 2011)

**Presentations**

- Speech, Lectio Magistralis, "U.S. Corporate Governance: From Agency Theory to Integrity," Faculty of Law, University of Padua, Italy (May 2011)
- Talk, "Il sistema dei controlli negli Usa," Corporate Governance e 'sistema dei controlli' nella s.p.a., Fondazione CESFIN Alberto Predieri, Florence, Italy [Corporate

Mark Hall

Kate Irwin-Smiler

Governance in the United States, Conference on Corporate Governance and Corporate "Control Systems"] (April 2011)

Publications

- "Duty of Obedience: The Forgotten Duty," reprinted in Corporate Practice Commentator (selected as one of top corporate law articles of the year)

**Mark Rabil**

Appointments

- NCAJ Race Task Force member, studying racial disparities in the criminal justice system in N.C.
- Advisory Board member, N.C Indigent Defense Services Forensic Resource Counsel

Conferences/Seminars

- Implicit Bias Seminar, 6/29/2011, International Civil Rights Museum, Greensboro, N.C.
- National Restorative Justice Conference, 6/8/2011, Raleigh, N.C.

Media

- Winston-Salem Journal Guest Columnist, "Restoring Hop Sing's Faith in Forensic Science," January 23, 2011 (discussing improper forensic science as a cause of wrongful convictions and the need for reform); "The Beverly Hillbillies and Racial Justice," February 20, 2011 (discussing the State's constitutional challenge to the 2009 N.C. Racial Justice Act); "A Tale of Two Cities and Two Juries," June 1, 2011 (describing racial disparity in capital jury selection as a reason to uphold the Racial Justice Act)
- Moderated news conference, along with other N.C. Innocence Directors and several exonerees, warning against proposed limitations on discovery in criminal cases (as a result, the NCAJ and Conference of District Attorneys met and agreed upon modifications to discovery laws with helpful definitions and protections to prosecutors acting in good faith). March 28, 2011, Raleigh, N.C.
- Along with Attorney Henderson Hill and several exonerees, including Darryl Hunt, again warned of proposed discovery limitations and attempted repeal of Racial Justice Act as cause of future wrongful convictions. April 27, 2011, Charlotte School of Law.

Presentations

- "Case Failures," (panel discussion on mistakes and acknowledgement as part of process for education and reform in innocence litigation), April 2011, International Innocence Network Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Elon University, April 20, 2011. Moderated discussion by attorneys and Darryl Hunt concerning wrongful convictions of Floyd Brown and Hunt and need for reforms in forensic science and discovery, as well as preservation of Racial Justice Act.
- Campbell University, June 22, 2011. Guest speaker to class studying death penalty.
- Faculty, Capital College, N.C. I.D.S. Pre-Trial Assistance Unit, Asheville, N.C. 5/2011
- June 2011 Guest Speaker, Winston-Salem Bar Association, discussed the causes of wrongful convictions and the work of the Wake Forest School of Law Innocence & Justice Clinic
- July 10, 2011, Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Denver, Colorado, sponsored by CLEAA and the Legal Writing Institute, presentation with journalist and Wake Forest English Professor Phoebe Zerwick on use of narrative form and techniques from investigative journalism in legal writing

**Suzanne Reynolds ('77)**

Awards

- Named Distinguished Alumnae by Meredith College

Conferences

- Represented North Carolina at the 120th Annual Meeting of the Uniform Law Commission (ULC), as one of the state's commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The Commissioners approved four new acts: the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act, the Uniform Certificate of Title Act for Vessels, the Model Protection of Charitable Assets Act, and the Harmonized Uniform Business Organizations Code. The

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John Korzen

Barbara Lentz

Kate Mewhinney

conference also reviewed other acts for future consideration, including the Uniform Premarital and Marital Agreement Act and the Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act.
- Serves on the drafting committee of the act to implement the Hague Convention on Protection of Children in Vail, Colo., July 6 – 13.

**Media**
- "Zahra's Stepmother Married 7 Times," interview by Tom Breen for the Associated Press, February 3, 2011.
- "Judge grants domestic violence order but allows accused to live next door," Winston-Salem Journal, July 21, 2011.
- "What Overturning Prop 8 Means for N.C.," interview on WUNC Public Radio, August 5, 2010.

**Sidney Shapiro**

**Congressional Testimony**
- Hearing on Regulatory Impediments To Job Creation, Before Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives, February 10, 2011

**Media**
- BNA: Occupational Safety & Health Reporter, "CRS Report Questions Widely Cited Estimate of Costs of Federal Regulation", Interview with journalist. (April 28, 2011).
- E&E News, "REGULATIONS: European study finds noise can kill, as EPA lies dormant", Interview with journalist. (April 6, 2011).
- Maine Telegram, "Environmental setbacks feared in Sen. Olympia Snowe's bill The bill to aid small businesses, critics say, grants too much power to an obscure federal official." Interview with journalist. (March 30, 2011).
- Remapping Debate: Asking "Why" and "Not Why", "Regulators Don't Listen to U.S.", Interview with journalist. (March 24, 2011).
- Radio, National Public Radio: All Things Considered, "House Republicans Take Aim at Regulation", Interview with journalist. (February 10, 2011).
- Wall Street Journal, "The Cost of Doing Business in the U.S.", Interview with journalist. (January 28, 2011).
- Remapping Debate: Asking "Why" and "Why not?", "Job-killing regulations? Opponents fail to support claims with evidence", Interview with journalist. (January 25, 2011).
- Mother Jones, "Clearing Out the Regulatory Smog", Interview with journalist. (January 18, 2011).

**Presentations**
- Roger Williams Law School, "Regulatory Capture," Symposium on the Blowout: Legal Legacy of the Deepwater Horizon Catastrophe, Bristol, R.I., April 13, 2011
- OSHA Subcommittee, Section of Labor Law, American Bar Association, Spring Meeting, "OSHA's Noise Standard: An Administrative Law Test," New Orleans, March 16, 2011

**Publications**
- Administrative Law Inside-Out, 65 Miami L. Rev. 577 (2010) (with Ronald Wright)

**White Papers**
- Center for Progressive Reform, The BP Catastrophe: When Hobbled Law and Hollow Regulation Leave Americans Unprotected (CPR White Paper 1101) (Jan. 2011) (with William Andreen, Alyson Flournoy, James Goodwin, and Thomas McGarity), available at http://www.progressivereform.org/articles/BP_Catastrophe_1101.pdf

## Sidney Shapiro testified on regulatory impediments to job creation before a U.S. House of Representatives committee

**David Shores**

**Publications**
- "Continuity of Business Enterprise: A Concept Whose Time Has Passed," 63 Tax Lawy. 471 (2010).

**Carol A. Turowski**

**Appointments**
- Joined Innocence Policy Network, Innocence Project, New York, March 2011

**Media**
- Consultant, Wall Street Journal, Death Penalty Goes on Trial in North Carolina, Nathan Koppel, March 2011
- Winston-Salem Journal, Prosecutors Want Innocence Commission to exclude Prisoners who Pleaded Guilty, May 10, 2011

Blake Morant

Alan Palmiter

- Winston-Salem Journal, Woman's Wrongful Conviction Shattered her View of the Justice System, March 25, 2011

Presentations

- Panelist, Innocence Network Conference: An International Perspective, Cincinnati, "That Will Never Happen Again: How to Handle Case Failures Professionally and Personally", April 2011
- Presenter, Innocence Network Conference, Incredible Challenges of Managing, Teaching and Supervising a Wrongful Convictions Clinic, April 2011
- Organizer and Moderator, "Death, Lies and False Confessions: The Wrongful Conviction of Beverly Monroe," Wake Forest University School of Law, March 24, 2011

**Steve Virgil**

Awards

- Recognized as "Mortgage Foreclosure Attorney of the Year" by Legal Aid of North Carolina for pro bono work on behalf of families facing the loss of housing due to foreclosure. This award was given in recognition of nearly 100 foreclosure defense cases taken on behalf of Legal Aid of North Carolina since January 2009.

Publications

- "Community Economic Development in Rural America: Strategies for Community-based Collaborative Development," 20 ABA Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development Law 9 (2011).
- "Creativity and Feasibility: Applying the IDEO Innovation Process to Current Societal Challenge, International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business," Vol. 13, N 1, page 32 -45 (April 2011).

**George K. Walker**

Activities

- Adviser for the 2010-11 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court team that won the Southern Regional Competition in Houston.

Presentations

- Attended International Law Association (American Branch) Executive Committee meeting, Washington, D.C., March 26, 2011
- Participant in workshop, "Professional Military Education: Teaching Law at War and Staff Colleges," International Law Department, Center for Naval Warfare Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I., June 20, 2011
- Participant in colloquium, "NIAC: Non-International Armed Conflict in the 21st Century," International Law Department, Center for Naval Warfare Studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I., June 21-23, 2011

Publications

- As chair of the International Law Association (American Branch) Law of the Sea Committee, published Final Report: Terms in the 1983 U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea that the Convention Does Not Define, in Proceedings of the American Branch, International Law Association 2009-10, pp. 162-540.
- "Occupation in Iraq: Issues on the Periphery and for the Future: A

Suzanne Reynolds ('77) represented North Carolina at the 120th Annual Meeting of the Uniform Law Commission

David Shores

Carol Turowski

Steve Virgil

Mark Rabil

Suzanne Reynolds

Sidney Shapiro

Rubik's Cube Problem?" chapter 12 in The War in Iraq: A Legal Analysis (Naval War College International Law Studies, vol. 86, Raul A. "Pete" Pedrozo editor 2010)

**Robert Walsh**

**Appointments**

- Chaired the ABA sabbitical site evaluation accreditation inspection team of seven members at St. John's University School of Law over four days in mid-April.
- Chairs the Capital Campaign Committee and the New Law School Inns Committee of the American Inns of Court Foundation.
- President Martin Brinkley appointed Professor Walsh to the Professionalism Committee and the Law School Liaison Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association for 2011-12.
- Inspected for the ABA the University of Tulsa's Program in Dublin, Ireland in the last week of June.

**Presentations**

- Featured speaker at the international symposium from March 31 to April 2, 2011 at Georgetown University Law Center entitled "Symposium on the Status of the Legal Profession: Facing the Challenges of the 21st Century." Other speakers on the program were Justices Stephen Breyer and Sandra Day O'Connor from the U.S. Supreme Court, Chief Justice John L. Murray from the Supreme Court of Ireland, and Lord Nicholas Phillips, President of the United Kingdom Supreme Court.

Mark Rabil was appointed to the North Carolina Advocates for Justice Race Task Force.

**Ronald F. Wright**

**Media**

- Fox 8 Greensboro television news, interview about Alford pleas; March 14, 2011.
- Raleigh News and Observer, quoted in story "Ex-Defense Team in Zahra Baker's Death Took Evidence"; February 25, 2011.

**Presentations**

- "The Cultural Range of Prosecutor Services in North Carolina," presentation at conference on Comparative Study of Prosecution Systems, at the Institute on Crime and Public Policy, University of Minnesota Law School; April 2011 in Minneapolis.
- "Padilla and the Theory of the Criminal Defense Firm," presentation at UCLA Law Review symposium on Criminal Law and Immigration Law; January 2011 in Los Angeles.

**Publications**

- "Portable Minimalism in Sentencing Politics," 32 Cardozo L. Rev. de-novo 9-22 (2011), available at http://www.cardozolawreview.com/
- "Criminal Procedures – Cases, Statutes, and Executive Materials," (4th ed., Aspen Publishers 2011) (with Marc Miller)
- "Criminal Procedures: The Police — Cases, Statutes, and Executive Materials," (4th ed., Aspen Publishers 2011) (with Marc Miller)
- "Criminal Procedures: Prosecution and Adjudication — Cases, Statutes, and Executive Materials," (4th ed., Aspen Publishers 2011) (with Marc Miller)
- "The Future of the Administrative Presidency: Turning Administrative Law Inside-Out," 65 U. Miami L. Rev. 577-620 (2011) (with Sid Shapiro)

Robert Walsh

George Walker

Ron Wright

Larry Sitton

Maurice Horne

David Zacks

## 1963

**Fred G. Morrison Jr.** has been reappointed a member of the N.C. Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission. He received the N.C. Veteran's Emblem in recognition of his 50 years as a Master Mason of the Thomasville Lodge No. 214.

## 1964

**Larry Sitton** is with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer, was recognized by Chambers and Partners among the Leaders in Their Field and among the state's top general commercial litigators.

## 1966

**William K. Davis** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in business litigation and a member of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Hall of Fame.

**Maurice W. Horne** has retired as chief judge of the Office of Disability Adjudications and Review after 10 years as chief judge and 30 years of service in Greensboro, N.C.

## 1967

**Don Maddox** is president of the J.F. Maddox Foundation in Albuquerque, N.M. He received the 2011 Distinguished Leadership Award from Leadership New Mexico.

**David M. Zacks** is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Atlanta. He has been named one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business in general commercial litigation by Chambers USA.

## 1968

**Nick Fountain** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**Charles R. Young Sr.** is of counsel for Young Morphis Bach & Taylor LLP in Hickory, N.C., where he has been since 1968, and vice president and minority owner of Hickory Baseball. A profile, "Hickory Attorney Focuses on Helping People," was published in the Hickory Daily Record (http://tinyurl.com/3dlk6mg). He and his wife, Elaine, have three adult children: Bert ('91), Heather Y. Hancock ('91) and Roger ('96).

## 1970

**Michael J. Lewis** is with Mike Lewis Attorneys in Winston-Salem and Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of The Best Lawyers in America in personal injury and eminent domain and a N.C. Super Lawyer for the third year in a row.

**James E. Snyder Jr.** is an attorney in Lexington, N.C. He has published a book, "Bones, Dean and Me," about his time as a college basketball recruit, when he "showed up at the right time and place as the stars aligned." He decided to donate book royalties to the Deacon Club.

## 1971

**Walter W. Pitt Jr.** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in bankruptcy and creditor/debtor rights and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

## 1973

**Alfred Adams** is a commercial real estate attorney with Womble Carlyle in Winston-Salem, was president of the Wake Forest Alumni Association in 2003-04 and an adjunct professor for the School of Law. He received the Citizen Lawyer Award from the N.C. Bar Association, was named to the Legal Elite Hall of Fame in real estate law by Business North Carolina and named one of the Top 100 Super Lawyers for 2010 and 2011.

## 1974

**Joe Burns** is an attorney in Winston-Salem. He plays a trumpet in the Advent-Hopewell Moravian Church Band.

**R. Michael Wells Sr.** is with Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins in Winston-Salem. He has been elected to the academic affairs committee of the Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, to the board of the WFBMC Research Park and chairman of the United Way of Forsyth County.

## 1975

**Anthony S. di Santi** is with di Santi Watson Capual & Wilson in Boone, N.C. He has been installed as the 76th president of the N.C. State Bar.

**D. Clark Smith Jr.** is in the litigation practice group of Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Greensboro, N.C. He has been elected to serve a two-year term as the N.C. Bar Association representative to the American Bar Association house of delegates.

Alfred Adams

Clark Smith

Dan Taylor

Karen Peeler

Doris Loomis

### 1976

**Catharine Biggs Arrowood** is a partner with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, N.C. She was the "Top Vote-Getter" in the antitrust category and will join Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Hall of Fame. She was among the Top 50 female lawyers and among the Top 100 lawyers in North Carolina. She received the 2011 H. Brent McKnight Renaissance Lawyer Award from the N.C. Bar Association.

**Thomas H. Davis Jr.** is a partner with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been elected to the board of directors of the N.C. Supreme Court Historical Society.

**Greg C. Gaskins** has been named chief financial officer for the City of Charlotte, N.C.

**Dan Taylor** is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business in general communication litigation by Chambers USA.

### 1977

**Gaither Keener** has been named executive vice president, general counsel, secretary and chief compliance officer of Lowe's Companies Inc. He is a member of the Deacon Club Board, provides pro bono service as judge advocate for the Department of North Carolina American Legion and serves on the American Legion National Finance Commission. He and his wife, Beverly, live in Mooresville, N.C.

**Joshua W. Willey Jr.** is with Mills & Willey in New Bern, N.C. He has been appointed to a three-year term on the Disciplinary Hearing Commission of the N.C. State Bar.

### 1978

**J. Randolph Ward** is a workers' compensation litigator and mediator in Cary, N.C. He completed four years as chair of the N.C. Bar

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Foundation's Trial Practice Curriculum Committee and served on the N.C. Industrial Commission's Committee on Utilization Review. He is a member of the N.C. Academy of Superior Court Mediators. His son, Alex Ward, is a Wake Forest law student.

### 1979

**Don Vaughan** is a N.C. State Senator. He has been appointed to the N.C. Courts Commission by Gov. Bev Perdue.

### 1980

**Howard L. Borum** is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in real estate law.

**Kay Killian** and her family established conservation easements with the Catawba Lands Conservancy for their property in Gaston and Lincoln counties. She wants to conserve farm and forest lands.

**John Wells Lassiter** is president of Carolina Legal Staffing, which was named No. 55 by Business Leader Magazine of The Top 300 Small Businesses of the South.

**Steve Owens** had a private practice in Kansas City for 26 years and became general counsel for the University of Missouri System in 2008. He has been named interim president to oversee the four-campus system.

**Karen Britt Peeler** is with Herring Mills & Kratt PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. Her practice focuses on the needs of disabled children and the elderly.

### 1981

**Susie Gibbons** is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. She has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in employment law.

**Doris Phillips Loomis** is with McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, N.C. She has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in tax and estate planning.

**Joseph E. Root** is founder of QualiPat LLC in Montara, Calif., devoted to training patent drafters. He has published a book, "Rules of Patent Drafting: Guidelines from Federal Circuit Case Law" (Oxford University Press, January 2011).

### 1982

**D. Anderson Carmen** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in construction law.

**Gary K. Joyner** is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business in real estate law by Chambers USA.

**Rudy Ogburn** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**Dominick J. Salemi** is a trademark attorney with the Department of Commerce in Arlington, Va. He and his wife, Charlene, raised funds for the Organization for Autism Research with a blues festival in Colonial Beach, Va.

**Rob Turner** is of counsel for the law firm of Protogyrou & Rigney PLC in Norfolk, Va., and has a private practice concentrating on traffic, criminal and personal injury in Southeastern Virginia. He and his wife, Jocelyn, live in Norfolk.

### 1983

**Marcia H. Armstrong** is with Armstrong & Armstrong PA in Smithfield, N.C. She received the 2011 Sarah H. Davis Excellence Award from the N.C. State Bar Board of Legal Specialization. She has been recognized as a Super Lawyer, one of the Top 50 Women Attorneys in North Carolina, a Citizen Lawyer and the State Bar Councilor for Judicial District 11B.

### 1984

**J. Stanley Atwell** is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in estate planning and probate.

**Stephen R. Berlin** is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business in environmental law by Chambers USA.

**David Duke** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**David Warren** is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in bankruptcy law.

# ROBERT 'HOPPY' ELLIOT ('77)

Though it may take many young people some time to decide what career path to follow, Robert "Hoppy" Elliot ('77) is the exception to the rule. The Winston-Salem employment law attorney realized at a tender age that he wanted to pursue a career in law.

"I think fairly early on there was something inside me that said I wanted to be a lawyer and that built in college," he said. "I started thinking about issues and decided that law is where I wanted to go."

True to his feelings, Elliot has become a nationally renowned specialist in the areas of employment law, civil rights law and commercial litigation.

On April 12, Elliot visited the law school as part of the "Conversation With" series and answered questions posed by Professor Charley Rose. The series celebrated its 11th consecutive year with his visit, which was co-sponsored by the Pro Bono Project.

Named the 2008 Top Employment Lawyer in North Caroline by Business North Carolina, Elliot has perhaps become best known for his pro bono work, having accepted tomatoes and corn from his clients as compensation for his services. He has also received numerous awards for his pro bono work, including being named Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year by both the Forsyth County Bar Association and the North Carolina Bar Association.

Elliot's cases have included convicted death-row inmates, victims of ineffective assistance and Guantanamo detainees.

Representing detainees locked in the Guantanamo Bay detention facility had a big impact on Elliot.

"I was there in my office one Saturday afternoon and I felt a lot of negative energy about this issue because, if anything, I think that we as budding lawyers have to be concerned about people who aren't represented," he explained.

"These people had no charges against them, they had no lawyers, they had no real fair hearings. So I just decided to get on the Internet and find out, and I found out the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York was coordinating lawyers. I called them and interviewed with them and they said, 'Yeah, you'll do.' So I did."

According to Elliot, these cases, for which he had Wake Forest law students help with research, presented difficulties of the like he had not encountered.

"I had done some criminal work for years, but the challenge here was that we were dealing with clients that didn't really believe in our system, for obvious reasons, and didn't trust our system. So much of our time was spent trying to develop rapport with our clients, and I think we succeeded somewhat over time."

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>
> *- Robert 'Hoppy' Elliot ('77)*

Elliot also spoke in detail about his experiences serving inmates on death row. One of these clients includes John Gardner, who had been represented throughout his criminal trials by an attorney who was later revealed to be a drug addict.

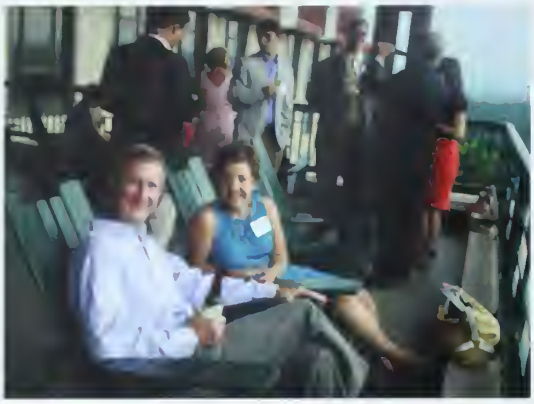
"What you feel is an interim death of the legal system," he said. "This guy had an addicted lawyer. How can this happen? Why doesn't our legal system respond? You know I think our legal system has to respond when lawyers don't do right, and that's just as important as supporting lawyers who do right."

He is also involved in many local community initiatives, such as the Crossing 52 Initiative to improve race relations in Winston-Salem. He has served on the board and as general counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina.

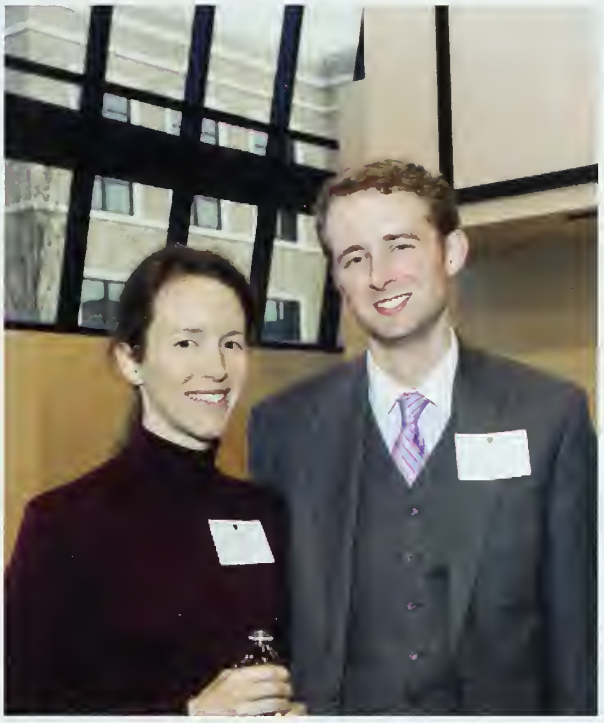
In addition to his pro bono work, Elliot added, "I do try to make a living." He maintains a private practice primarily specializing in litigation based in Winston-Salem that he helped found with two other lawyers.

Elliot is married to the law school's Associate Dean of Academics, Suzanne Reynolds ('77). They have three children, two of whom went on to law school.

# PHOTO GALLERY



Since January, the law school has held eight alumni receptions in the Triad, the Triangle, Charlotte, Atlanta and Washington, D.C., as well as at the annual meetings of the North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina Advocates for Justice and the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys. More than 350 alumni had the opportunity to network with each other as well as current students, faculty and staff.



David Daggett

Randy Avram

Christine Ryan

## 1985

**Rhonda K. Amoroso** practiced law in New York and is a former administrative law judge. She has been elected chairwoman of the New Hanover County N.C. Republican Party.

**John Babcock** is with Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**P. Kevin Carwile** is chief of the U.S. Department of Justice's Capital Case Unit in Washington. This unit assists the Attorney General's Review Committee on Capital Cases in its evaluation of potential death penalty matters.

**David Daggett** is with Daggett Shuler in Winston-Salem. The firm completed the 21st year of the Safe Sober Prom Night program for 35 high schools in eight counties across the Triad. Julie Bell ('91), Griff Shuler ('94) and Chris Wilkie ('03) helped with the program. Daggett won the over 50 Ironman Executive Challenge in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

## 1986

**Randy Avram** is with Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of the Top 100 N.C. Super Lawyers and one of America's Leading Lawyers for Business in labor and employment law by Chambers USA.

**Clifford Britt** received The Walter Clark Award, the highest award given for extraordinary service to justice and to the Advocates for Justice from the N.C. Advocates for Justice. He focuses on catastrophic injury or death with Comerford & Britt LLP in Winston-Salem, is a past president of the Wake Forest Law Alumni Council and serves on the Law Board of Visitors.

**David Fricke** is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in real estate law.

## 1989

**Joe Austin** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer.

**Chris Bowman** has joined the sports and entertainment practice group of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Cincinnati.

**Jim Bryan** is in the business litigation group of Nexsen Pruet LLC. He has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Greensboro Bar Association.

**Sarah Jon Fullenwider** has been appointed city attorney for Fort Worth, Texas. She has been with the city's law department since 1997 and is the first female appointed to this position.

**Dean W. Hollandsworth** has been named senior staff attorney at the New Hanover County Department of Social Services. He has been a DSS attorney for 15 years. He and his wife and two sons live in Wilmington, N.C.

**Robert B. Richbourg** celebrated his first anniversary of solo practice in Tifton, Ga.

**Christine M. Ryan** is with Herring Mills & Kratt PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. Her practice focuses on elder law and estate planning for families with special health-care needs.

**Charlot F. Wood** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in civil litigation defense.

## 1990

**John M. Flynn** is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in environmental law.

**David W. Johnson Jr.** left the law profession in Los Angeles in 2006. He helped produce a documentary about music education and is pursuing a master's in special education at Arizona State University.

## 1991

**Julie Bell** is with Daggett Shuler in Winston-Salem. They completed the 21st year of the Safe Sober Prom Night program for 35 high schools in eight counties across the Triad. David Daggett ('85), Griff Shuler ('94) and Chris Wilkie ('03) helped with the program.

**Neil D. Kodsi** has formed the law firm of Alderman & Kodsi, a litigation boutique specializing in commercial and personal injury in Miami Shores, Fla.

## 1992

**D. Beth Langley** practices labor and employment and business litigation with Hagan Davis Mangum Barrett & Langley PLLC in Greensboro, N.C. She has been named a 2011 N.C. Super Lawyer and one of

# FIRM REP PROGRAM COMPLETES YEAR WITH OUTSTANDING RESULTS

Led by Chair Dan McGinn ('67), the Firm Rep Program just completed its ninth year with outstanding results. More than $180,000 was raised for the Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law by 376 law school alumni in 62 offices. Twenty-two of those offices met the 100% participation goal. Those participating firms are listed below.

**Firms that met the 100% Participation Goal:**

Alston & Bird LLP – Atlanta (R. Steve Ensor, '85)
Batts Batts & Bell LLP – (Jeffrey A. Batts, '86)
Bell Davis & Pitt (Steve Russell, '80)
Blanco Tackabery Matamoros (Amy Lanning, '04)
Brooks Pierce McLendon et al. (Forrest Campbell, '90)
Comerford & Britt (John K. Moser, '00)
Davis & Hamrick (Lee Davis, '77)
Hagan Davis (Chip Hagan, '77)
Horton, Henry & Halvorsen, PLLC (Deborah Halvorsen, '98)
Hutchens Senter & Britton (Terry Hutchens, '77)
Johnston Allison & Hord (Paul Kohut, '83)
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP - Winston-Salem (Will Joyner, '96)
Mast Mast Johnson Wells Trimyer (Scott Johnson, '89)
McGuire Woods & Bissette, P.A. – (Doris Loomis, '81)
Mullen Holland & Cooper (Reid McGraw, '89)
Nexsen Pruet Adams Kleemeier (David Senter, '84)
Parker, Hudson, Rainer, & Dobbs (Keith Taylor, '06)
Parker Poe & Adams et al. LLP - Raleigh (Bruce Thompson, '94)
Sasser Fields LLP (Sam Pinero, '08)
Smith Debnam et. al. (Bettie Sousa, '81)
Vernon Law Firm (John Vernon, '67)
Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins – (Mike Wells, '74)

**Thank you to the remaining participating firms:**

Alston & Bird LLP - Charlotte (Chris Gegg, '02)
Bailey & Dixon (Carson Carmichael, '80)
Burns Day & Presnell P.A. (Lacy Presnell, '76)
Carruthers & Roth P.A. (Howard Borum, '80)
Casstevens Hanner Gunter & Riopel P.A. (Nelson Casstevens, '65)
Constangy Brooks & Smith (Bill McMahon, '05)
Craige Brawley Liipfert Walker LLP (Susan Ryan, '05)
Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP (Collins Barwick, '88)
Hedrick Eatman Gardner et al. (Megan Johnson, '05)
Herring Mills & Kratt PLLC (Bill Kratt, '87)
Hunton & Williams (Brandon Van Balen, '02)
Ivey McClellan Gatton Talcott (Bob McCellan, '78)
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP – Atlanta (Ty Lord, '99)
Kilpatrick Stockton LLP - Raleigh
K&L Gates - Charlotte (Karl Sawyer, '77)
K&L Gates - Raleigh (Stanford Baird, '95)
McDermott Will & Emery LLP
McGuire Woods LLP - Charlotte (Landis Wade, '83, Susan Dion, '01)
McGuire Woods LLP - Richmond (Jeff Starling, '03)
Moore & Van Allen PLLC (Michael Herbert, '01)
Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP (Jennifer Malinovsky, '92)
Parker Poe & Adams et al. LLP - Charlotte (Grant Whitney, '79)
Poyner & Spruill LLP - Charlotte (Dink Warren, '84)
Poyner & Spruill LLP - Raleigh (Dink Warren, '84)
Poyner & Spruill LLP - Rocky Mount (Dink Warren, '84)
Robinson & Lawing (Bob Lawing, '73)
Smith Anderson Blount et al. (John Madden, '83)
Smith Moore Leatherwood, LLP - Greensboro (Travis Martin, '02)
Spillman Thomas & Battle (Margaret Coppley, '02)
Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham (Jacob Wellman, '02)
Tuggle Duggins & Meschan P.A. (Pete Evenson, '77)
Ward & Smith P.A. (Michael Parrish, '08)
Williams Mullen (Brad Nowak, '04)
Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLC - Charlotte (Matt Homan, '01)
Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLC - Raleigh (Ken Carroll, '85)
Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice LLC - Winston-Salem (Jim Phillips, '77, Chad Brown, '06)
Wyatt Early Harris Wheeler, LLP (Bill Wheeler, '75)
Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton (Kemp Sherron, '84)
Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor (John Dorsey, '91)
Young Moore & Henderson (Matthew Gray, '03)

Wake Forest School of Law invites all law firms with a minimum of three alumni to participate in the program. For more information, please contact Jennifer S. Hudson, assistant director of law development at 336.758.5884 or via email at hudsonjs@wfu.edu. Thank you to participating law firms and their representatives.

Julie Bell

Beth Langley

Michael Lueder

Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**Michael Lueder** is of counsel with the energy, corporate and administrative/regulatory practice groups of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP in Atlanta.

### 1993

**Paul Lancaster Adams** is senior director of U.S. Government Affairs for Microsoft Corporation in Washington, D.C. He serves on and advises the company's government affairs leadership team.

**Lisa M. Angel** is with Rosen Law Firm in Raleigh, N.C. She has been named chair of the membership committee of the N.C. Bar Association (www.rosen.com/lisa/).

### 1994

**Jeffrey D. Patton** is a member and in charge of the Winston-Salem office of Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**Griff Shuler** is with Daggett Shuler in Winston-Salem. They completed the 21st year of the Safe Sober Prom Night program for 35 high schools in eight counties across the Triad. Julie Bell ('91), David Daggett ('85) and Chris Wilkie ('03) helped with the program.

**Joe Zeszotarski** is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in criminal law.

### 1995

**Robert J. Ramseur Jr.** is a partner and chair of the Real Estate Department with Ragsdale Liggett PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**Westray Veasey** is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in tax and estate planning law.

### 1996

**Ross Forbes** is with Jackson Walker LLP in Dallas. He has been named a Texas Monthly Rising Star.

**Tate Ogburn** is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in construction law.

**Pat S. Robison** was a partner with Caldwell Helder Helms & Robison PA in Monroe, N.C. He has been appointed district attorney for Union County in North Carolina.

### 1997

**Mark E. Edwards** is a board certified specialist in elder law with Fields & Cooper PLLC in Nashville, N.C. He has been elected to the board of directors of the Baptist Joint Committee in Washington, D.C., which advocates for the separation of church and state.

**Stephen Vincent Higdon** has been appointed by N.C. Gov. Bev Perdue to serve as a district court judge in Union County.

**Norman F. Klick Jr.** is a litigation attorney with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named vice president and general counsel of Proehlific Park and named to the board of directors of The P.O.W.E.R. of Play Foundation and the Greensboro Cerebral Palsy Association. He is one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Young Guns and a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star in personal injury defense and medical malpractice.

**Michael Lee** is a partner and chairman of the marketing committee with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Wilmington, N.C. He has been appointed to a two-year term on the N.C. State Ports Authority's Board of Directors.

### 1998

**Paul A. Fanning** is with Ward & Smith PA. He and his wife, Leigh, and three children, Collins (4 1/2), Zadoc (3) and Georgia (3), live in Greenville, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite, a N.C. Super Lawyer and one of The Best Lawyers in America.

**Kimlani Murray Ford** is an assistant U.S. attorney prosecuting child sexual exploitation crimes. She received the Director's Award for Superior Performance from the director of the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys in relation to the prosecution of a teacher who molested boys over four decades. The Mecklenburg Times named Kimlani one of Mecklenburg County's 50 Most Influential Women. She and her husband, David, and their two children, Mason (3) and Rachel (8 mos.), live in Charlotte, N.C.

# MARTIN ('81) AND CANDACE GARCIA ('06)

Martin Garcia ('81) and his daughter, Candace Garcia ('06) were among 13 Wake Forest Law alumni who were admitted into the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court in May 2011.

The oath was administered during the high court's session, and after adjournment Justices Clarence Thomas and Ruth Bader Ginsburg joined the group to welcome them to the Supreme Court Bar. The delegation was led by Dean Blake D. Morant. Following the bar admittance ceremony, a luncheon celebrating the inaugural year of the law school's Program in Washington was hosted by Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP at the firm's offices with Justice Ginsburg giving the keynote.

"Becoming part of the Supreme Court Bar has been such an honor," Martin said.

Candace added, "I thought it could be a great thing to do with my dad."

The Garcias reside in Tampa, Fla., where Martin is the founder and managing director of Pinehill Capital Partners, a private investment firm, and Candace is a prosecutor in the state attorney's office, where she prosecutes juveniles. Martin has also been Of-Counsel at Hill Ward Henderson law firm since 1999 and tried more than 50 cases between 1986 and 1999 when he was in the firm's trial department. His cases included civil RICO law, contract, tort and civil rights.

Both Garcias were on the trial team when they were at Wake Forest law school.

"When I was in law school on the trial team I knew wanted to be a trial lawyer," Candace recalls. "But when I got out of law school and went to work at a firm, in three years, I never tried a case. Now I'm in court every day and I try cases all the time."

Martin has served on the university's Board of Trustees and law school's Board of Visitors. In 2004, he founded the Garcia Family Foundation, which awards scholarships to underprivileged students and supports mentoring programs for underprivileged children.

Griff Shuler

Robert Ramseur

Michael Lee

**Thomas B. Langan** is an assistant district attorney for Surry and Stokes counties in North Carolina.

**Dina Marty** has been promoted to counsel in the legal department at Wake Forest University.

**Kevin G. Williams** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer in civil litigation defense.

## 1999

**Galen G. Craun III** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite in business law.

**Andrew Lampros** is with Cook, Hall & Lampros LLP in Atlanta. He has been named a Georgia Super Lawyer.

**Elizabeth McCullough** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star.

**Annemarie Pantazis** was recognized as a 40 Under Forty by the Charlotte Business Journal and as a Rising Star in workers' compensation for the second year by Super Lawyer's Magazine.

## 2000

**John Brunini** received highest recognition as a leader in environmental law by Chambers USA, which also ranked the Brunini Firm among the leading firms and leading attorneys in Mississippi.

**Luke Sbarra** is a partner with Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofolo LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He practices civil and commercial litigation.

**Dawn Sheek** is a certified specialist in family law and a dispute resolution commission family financial mediator practicing in Thomasville, N.C.

**Christopher Trebilcock** is a principal and employment and labor lawyer with Miller Canfield in Detroit. He has been elected president of the Detroit Institute of Arts Founders Junior Council.

## 2001

**Gregory David Habeeb** has been elected to Virginia's House of Delegates to represent the 8th District.

**Gavin B. Parsons** is with Troutman Sanders LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a Law and Politics and Charlotte magazine Super Lawyer Rising Star in business litigation.

**Shannon "Missy" Sumerell Spainhour** is a partner with Davis Hartman Wright PLLC and has opened an office in Charlotte, N.C. Her practice concentrates on employment law and litigation. She has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite.

**Craig A. Taylor** is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Young Guns in business law and a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star in business/corporate law.

**Elise Morgan Whitley** is a partner practicing family law with Tash & Kurtz PLLC in Winston-Salem. She has been named one of The Best Lawyers in America and a Super Lawyer/Top Young Lawyer in family law. She and her husband, Cameron, have two children, Wren and Milo.

**Maria Papoulias Wood** has been named a partner with the civil litigation law firm of Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, N.C.

**Court Young** is a partner at Poyner Spruill LLP in Charlotte, N.C. She has been named one of Charlotte Business Journal's 40 Under Forty and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Young Guns.

## 2002

**Tushar Chikhliker** is with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Columbia, S.C. He is a South Carolina Lawyers Weekly Emerging Legal Leader.

**Roberta B. King** is with Bennett & Guthrie PLLC in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star in civil litigation defense and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Young Guns. She was named a 2010 Women Extraordinaire recipient by Business Leader Media and chair of the N.C. Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division.

**Ellen Persechini** is a partner with Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofolo LLP in Wilmington, N.C. She practices civil and commercial litigation, community associations and corporate and business law.

**Jill Raspet** has been named a partner with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Wilmington, N.C. She specializes in estate planning and probate law. She has been

**1** Womble Carlyle attorney Alfred Adams ('73) has been named a 2011 winner of the Citizen Lawyer Award by the North Carolina Bar Association. The Citizen Lawyer Award honors exemplary community service among members of North Carolina's legal community.

**2** Matt Schwarz and Crystal Ricevuto, co-chairs of this year's 3L Campaign Committee, are proud to announce that the Class of 2011 exceeded its participation goal making it the law school's most successful 3L campaign. Dean Blake D. Morant said, "Evidence of Wake Forest's fortitude during difficult times comes from the law school's most recent graduating class, of which 86 percent has pledged financial support for the law school. At a time when employment options are so limited, such a demonstration of support by the Class of 2011 inspires me and hopefully serves as a stimulus to all who believe in this special law school."

**3** Wake Forest School of Law has a long history leading the North Carolina Bar Association. Over the past 62 years, 11 N.C. Bar Presidents have been Wake Forest law school alumni. During the last N.C. Bar Annual Meeting, R. Michael Wells, Sr. was named President-Elect and will lead the Bar in 2012-13. The following alumni have served as North Carolina Bar Presidents:

- Eugene C. Pridgen ('78)
- D. Clark Smith, Jr. ('75)
- Larry B. Sitton ('64)
- J. Donald Cowan ('68)
- Rhoda B. Billings ('66)
- George B. Mast ('60)
- James E. Walker ('51)
- Dewey W. Wells ('54)
- A. Pilston Godwin, Jr. ('37)
- Fitzhugh E. Wallace ('49)

**4** Clifford Britt ('86) has received The Walter Clark Award from the North Carolina Advocates for Justice at their annual convention on June 21, 2011. The Walter Clark Award is the North Carolina Advocates for Justice's highest award given for extraordinary service to justice and to the Advocates for Justice in the tradition of former Chief Justice Walter Clark of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

**5** Two new leaders have taken the helm of the Law School Board of Visitors. W. Thompson Comerford ('74) will lead the board as Chair while H. Lee Davis ('77) will serve as Vice-Chair. Tom and Lee will serve on the Executive Committee along with Immediate Past Co-Chairs: John D. Madden ('83) and David M. Zacks ('67). Several new alumni began their term on the Board of Visitors on July 1. Welcome to B. Scott Burton ('86), Jack W. Elliott ('81), David M. Furr ('82), Welcome back to the following alumni who have begun a new term on the Board: Stephen R. Berlin, ('84), Marilyn R. Forbes ('81), Henry A. Harkey ('75), Max E. Justice ('70), and James K. Pendergrass ('86). Visit http://alumni.law.wfu.edu/visitors/ for a complete listing of the Board of Visitors.

**6** Law classes of 1960, 1961, and 1986 as well as Black Alumni will celebrate their reunions with events throughout Law Reunion Weekend, Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. The class of 1981 will celebrate during the weekend of Oct. 28-29. For more information, visit:

http://law.wfu.edu/alumni/reunion/

Dina Marty

Annemarie Pantazis

Chris Trebilcock

elected to a three-year term on the N.C. Bar Association's Board of Governors.

**David Saye** is a partner with Mayer Brown LLP in Charlotte, N.C.

**Eric Trosch** is a board certified family law specialist with Conrad Trosch and Kemmy PA in Charlotte, N.C.

## 2003

**Tadelro Brown** is vice president and estate planning consultant with Wells Fargo Bank in Winston-Salem. He was named one of Triad Business Journal's 40 Leaders Under Forty and participated in the 2011 Wells Fargo Diverse Leaders Program.

**Scott R. Eldridge** is an associate with Miller Canfield in Lansing, Mich. He was chosen a Favorite Lawyer in Lansing by the Lansing Community Newspaper People's Choice Awards.

**Monica R. Guy** is with Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She has been named a N.C. Rising Star in family law and one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Young Guns.

**Naohiro Tanaka** (LLM) is with the U.S. subsidiary of Sharp Corp. in New Jersey.

**Chris Wilkie** is with Daggett Shuler in Winston-Salem. They completed the 21st year of the Safe Sober Prom Night program for 35 high schools in eight counties across the Triad. Julie Bell ('91), David Daggett ('85) and Griff Shuler ('94) helped with the program.

## 2004

**Leigh C Bagley** has been named a director of Bell Davis & Pitt PA in Winston-Salem. She practices commercial real estate and banking law.

**James R. Barnes** is an associate of Burke & Casserly in Albany, N.Y. He has been named chair of the N.Y. State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section.

**Peter J. Baxter** has been named a shareholder with Strong & Hanni PC in Salt Lake City, Utah. He represents clients in medical malpractice and health care law.

**Graham P. Carner** has a practice in Jackson, Miss., focusing on personal injury and civil rights matters, criminal defense and appellate work. He has been elected chair of the New Lawyers Division of the Mississippi Association for Justice.

**LeRoya Chester Jennings** has opened a private practice in Atlanta specializing in criminal and DUI defense, family law and wills and estate planning (www.chesterjenningslaw.com).

**Bradley Nowak** is with Williams Mullen in Washington, D.C. He has been named one of Washington SmartCEO magazine's Legal Elite.

**Tyronia Morrison Smith** is with Parker Hudson Rainer & Dobbs LLP in Atlanta. She received the Quarter Award from the ABA Young Lawyers Division and the Seventh Annual Ethics and Professionalism Award from the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia.

## 2005

**Elizabeth Billingsley** received a master's in broadcast journalism from the University of Missouri and interned with NBC in Washington, D.C. She is a reporter with NBC 2. She was honored with a scholarship at the White House Correspondents' Association Dinner.

**Samuel Chacon** (LLM) is an associate at Chacon & Rodriguez. He published two articles in the North American Free Trade and Investment Report and was invited by the University of Hong Kong to write the Mexico Country Chapter in "China Outbound Investment" (May 2011).

**Kate Rigby Dings** practices employment law with Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC in Boston.

**Ryan Dings** is the director of business development and associate counsel for Blu Homes Inc. based in Waltham, Mass.

**Elie Johnsey Foy** is with Young Moore & Henderson PA in Raleigh, N.C. She has been named a N.C. Super Lawyer Rising Star.

**Grace Widyani** (LLM) is assistant vice president of the LNG Project at PT Perusahaan Gas Negara (Persero) Tbk.

## 2006

**Cassandra Ching** is senior counsel, business and legal affairs with MTV Networks in New York City.

# PHOTO GALLERY

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Court Young

Tushar Chikhliker

Roberta King

**Damien R. Savoie** is an associate in the commercial litigation group with Murphy & King Professional Corporation in Boston. He lives in Burlington, Mass.

**Gail Sullivan** is a researcher with the member information and research team of CQ Weekly in Washington, taking over the Inside Congress fact checking and federal/state agency beats.

### 2007

**Benjamin Huber** is in the intellectual property practice group focusing on patent, trademark, copyright and trade secret litigation with Moore & Van Allen in Charlotte, N.C.

**Hanne Nyheim McNutt** (LLM) is an associate in the offshore, shipping and energy group of Simonsen Advokatfirm in Oslo, Norway. She participated in a transaction recently voted "Bank Debt of the Year" by Marine Money.

**Neal Robbins** is with Robbins Kreider PLLC in Winston-Salem. He has been named one of Business North Carolina's Legal Elite Young Guns and a Super Lawyer Rising Star in business law.

**Joel Sharrer** is an energy conference producer with Electric Utility Consultants Inc. in Denver.

### 2008

**Xiaochum "Sharron" Chen** (LLM) completed an internship at Womble Carlyle and has returned to Shanghai as an attorney with Grandall Legal Services.

**Judith Haensel** (LLM, JD '10) is an associate in the international practice group of Byrne Davis & Hicks PC in Charlotte, N.C.

### 2009

**LaTosha R. Barnes** has opened The Law Office of L.R. Barnes PLLC in Durham, N.C. She specializes in employment law, Social Security disability law and civil litigation (www.lrbarneslaw.com).

**Hao Wang** (LLM) is in international business for a state-owned enterprise in Beijing.

**Ruilu Wang** (LLM, JD '11) passed the New York State Bar Examination.

### 2010

**Regan K. Adamson** has joined Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem.

**Megan H. Barnes** is an associate in the corporate and securities practice group of Bass Berry & Sims PLC in Memphis, Tenn.

**Toni J. Grace** is a member of the public sector law team of Roberts & Stevens in Asheville, N.C.

**Wenfang "Crystal" Huang** (LLM) teaches English at Beijing New Oriental School.

**Xiao Luo** (LLM) is a lawyer assistant with the Zhejiang Mingquan Law Firm in Shanghai.

**Susie Sewell** is a law clerk at the N.C. Court of Appeals for the Honorable Sam J. Ervin IV in Raleigh, N.C.

**Neubia L. Williams** is a staff attorney with Legal Aid of North Carolina in Fayetteville.

### 2011

**Liubov Ebralidze** (LLM) is an intern at Silverberg Goldman & Bikoff LLP in Washington, D.C. She co-published an article, "First Circuit Prescribes eBay Injunction Treatment for Trademark Cases," in the June issue of World Trademark Review.

**Safe Shalhout** (LLM) is a lawyer in the Office of Moatasem Ahmad Awawdeh in Ramallah, Palestine.

**Yang Yang** (LLM) had a summer internship at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.

## MARRIAGES

**Thomas B. Langan ('98)** and Katie Lee Hutson. 4/17/11. They live in King, N.C.

**Drew Henderson Davis ( '00)** and Laura Brooks Farren. 4/8/11 in Davis Chapel. The wedding party and guests celebrated by rolling the Quad.

**Ellen Jean Persechini ('02)** and David Wortman. 3/26/11. They live in Wilmington, N.C. The wedding party included **Kelly Motycka Otis ('02)** and **Gina Russo ('02)**.

**Ryan Dings ('05)** and **Kate Rigby ('05)**. 12/4/10 in Sanibel Island, Fla. They live in Cambridge, Mass.

**Chad Crockford ('06)** and **Danielle Walther ('06)**. 5/1/10 in Charlotte, N.C. The wedding party included **Jessie Cohan ('06)**, **Kevin Rust ('06)** and **Joshua Steele ('06)**.

# J. REID HUNTER ('86)

J. Reid Hunter ('86) grew up with a love for music. He listened to music, he talked about music and, though an old-fashioned notion to many of today's youth, he bought music. Lots of music. So much of it that his friends refused to help him move whenever he relocated.

Today, Hunter is an attorney for Serling Rooks Ferrara McKoy & Worob, a prominent New York City firm that concentrates in music law. His clients include John Mayer, Ray Lamontagne, The Fray and the Zac Brown Band.

He's worked with many of his artist clients since they were unknowns. Mayer recently credited Hunter for his early role in Mayer's career in the liner notes of his Grammy-winning album Continuum, writing: "Reid Hunter was the first." Another client presented Hunter with the medal he received for having written one of the year's most frequently played songs as a token of his thanks for believing in him before he was signed.

Hunter returned to the law school on Nov. 19, 2010, for a luncheon with students. He talked about his path toward his career, his time at Wake Forest and the state of the music industry, which is facing unprecedented challenges introduced by the Internet and a generation raised on digital media, free entertainment content and instant gratification.

"Name a record store?" he asked students and faculty who gathered in the Law School's boardroom. Most in attendance could not, primarily because, for all intents and purposes, few such stores still exist as a viable business. That's sad news for someone such as Hunter, who spun records as a nightclub deejay his entire three years as a student at Wake Forest, and long before that used every extra dollar he earned to buy albums and, later, CDs.

As Law School Dean Blake D. Morant said in introducing Hunter, the music lawyer graduated from Wake Forest and embarked on a "classic career" in law. "But he always had this internal passion to work in the music industry."

No doubt, Hunter was determined to pursue his dream of working in the music and entertainment industry. He ultimately realized his goal, but not without a lot of hard work and a fateful 400-mile bicycle ride through Colorado.

> "It's a super-competitive business."
>
> - *J. Reid Hunter ('86)*

He related to the students, "After getting out of law school and watching many of my peers find themselves in careers that bored them, I made a promise to myself. I vowed that if ever I was faced with an opportunity to do what I wanted to do, but had to take a huge cut in pay, I would do it rather than be unhappy."

Then, one day, while on a challenging six-day bicycle ride through the Rocky Mountains, he contemplated his career as an attorney in the technology sector. Midway through that ride, he admitted to himself that he, too, was in a career that no longer fulfilled him. But he quickly realized, "The only thing holding me back from doing what I really wanted to do in life was the fear of failure."

In a hint of irony, failure proved to be only a remote and far-fetched possibility as, on the day he returned from Colorado, Hunter began devising a plan that would lead to an extraordinary and stellar career in entertainment law.

Once he set out in pursuit of a career in the music business, Hunter says, he persuaded a promising, young up-and-coming artist in Atlanta named Josh Joplin to hire him as his attorney.

"I told him that I had never done this before, but that I had worked hard to learn the law and business of the music industry. Fortunately, Josh trusted me and, over time, introduced me to many of the artists in the Atlanta area."

Hunter describes himself as a transactional lawyer in the music business, "which means my practice is mostly artist-based."

It's the lawyer, Hunter said to the students, and not the manager who is usually the one expected to know what the current state of the deal looks like.

While he works from a "loft style" office in the Union Square area of Manhattan, he frequently travels to see his clients on the road, and not the other way around.

"It's a super-competitive business," Hunter said. "It takes years and years to find an artist who has the talent and the work ethic to become a household name and to create that lifelong career. If you're fortunate enough to find one, you can't afford to lose him or her to your competition."

To learn more about Hunter, visit law.wfu.edu.

Jill Raspet

Eric Trosch

Scott Eldridge

**Joel Sharrer ('07)** and Lindsay Boudreau. 10/2/10 in Parker, Colo. The wedding party included **Ashlee Vaughan ('07)** and **Carter Vaughan ('07)**.

**Daniel R. Beaudry ('09)** and Rebecca Adams. 12/18/10. The wedding party included Karl Burns, **Clinton Morse ('08)** and **Jason Quick ('08)**.

**Hao Wang (LLM '09)** and **Wenfang "Crystal" Huang (LLM '10)**. 5/2/11 in Beijing, China.

## BIRTHS, ADOPTIONS

**Steven H. Levin ('92)** and Jill Levin, Baltimore, Md.: a son, David Blake. 8/9/10. He joins his sister, Julia Shelly (3).

**Meredith Taylor Berard ('98)** and Michael Berard, Raleigh, N.C.: a son, John Austin. 1/9/11

**Kimlani Murray Ford ('98)** and David Ford, Charlotte, N.C.: a daughter, Rachel Rose. 10/29/10. She joins her brother, Mason (3).

**Jake Jelinek ('98)** and Erin McFarland Jelinek, Winston-Salem: a son, Quinton Lee. 9/3/10. He joins his sisters, Dyllon (6) and Mattie (3).

**Stacey Thurman Bradford ('99)** and Franklin Bradford, Birmingham, Ala.: a son, Thomas Walker. 6/1/10. He joins his brothers: Frank (5), Bill (2) and John (2).

**Nathan Myers Hull ('99)** and Lauren Bennett-Ale Hull, Charlotte, N.C.: twin sons, Griffin Talmage and Lawton Myers. 6/22/10. They join their brother, Conard Waddington (2).

**James Russell White ('00)** and Katie White, Raleigh, N.C.: a daughter, Barrett Katherine. 8/27/10. She joins her sister, McLean.

**Jeff Braintwain ('01)** and **Tracy Cobb Braintwain ('01)**, Atlanta: a daughter, Finley Gray. 12/13/10. She joins her sister, Frazier (5), and brother, Eli (2).

**Kellie Lee Caggiano ('02)** and Steve Caggiano, Tallahassee, Fla.: a daughter, Caroline Grace. 1/18/11. She joins her brother Jack (6), and sister, Samantha (2 1/2).

**Yazmyne Vasquez Eterovic (LLM '03)** and Nicolas Eterovic, Miami: a son, Sebastian. 12/14/10

**Pascal Kremp (LLM '03)** and Deborah Kremp, Frankfurt, Germany: a daughter, Mia. 11/29/10

**Paul Joseph McNamara ('03)** and Emily Hoagland McNamara, Wilmington, N.C.: twin daughters, Anna Viktoria and Madeleine Veronika. 2/19/10

**Brian Pearce ('03)** and Caroline Pearce, Greensboro, N.C.: a son, Charles Frederick. 12/27/10

**Bryan G. Scott ('04)** and **Frances E. Scott ('04)**, Winston-Salem: a son, William Henry. 9/17/10

**Kristy Meares Sides ('04)** and Derek Sides, Raleigh, N.C.: a daughter, Elizabeth Anne. 1/5/11

**Hideyuki Kohata (LLM '05)** and Tomoe Kohata, Otsu, Japan: a son, Yuma. 8/9/10

**Ryan Beaver ('06)** and Emily Conrad Beaver, Charlotte, N.C.: a son, Yorke Conrad. 2/2/11. He joins his sister, Charlotte (3).

**Michael Soto ('06)** and Eve Soto, Fort Mill, S.C.: a son, Nathan Joseph. 11/8/10. He joins his brother, Jack (2).

**Jonathan Friel ('07)** and **Candace Friel ('07)**, Rural Hall, N.C.: a son, Henry Wyatt. 11/25/10

**Hanne Nyheim McNutt (LLM '07)** and **Thomas McNutt (JD '08)**, Oslo, Norway: a son, Mikkel Alaric. 11/30/10

**James Shannon Gatlin ('08)** and Shannon Ahearn Gatlin, Fulshear, Texas: a daughter, Fiona Kay. 2/20/11

**Rawi Nirundorn (LLM '08)** and **Anchalee Tweesan (LLM '08)**, Bangkok, Thailand: a son, Suppakorn. 11/11/10

## DEATHS

**Sarah Greason Callaghan ('35)**, July 7, 2011, Chevy Chase, Md. She was a law clerk to Chief Justice Gregory of the Virginia Supreme Court. Callaghan retired as senior attorney and legal counsel with the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Murray C. Greason, Sr. (LLS '26) and Herbert Redfern Greason ('28). She is survived by two sons; a stepson; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews including Murray C. Greason Jr. ('62).

# 2011 Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law

At a time when Universities are making difficult decisions to reduce their budget by millions of dollars, the law school community has shown tremendous support. Giving to the Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law has increased by **14%** and donor numbers have increased by **15%** since 2009. A total of **$667,928** was raised to support clinical offerings, student organizations, trial team competitions and **$300,000** will support student scholarships for the upcoming 1L class.

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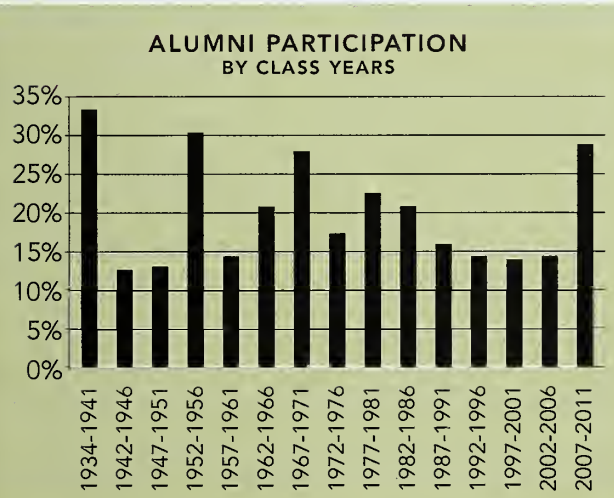
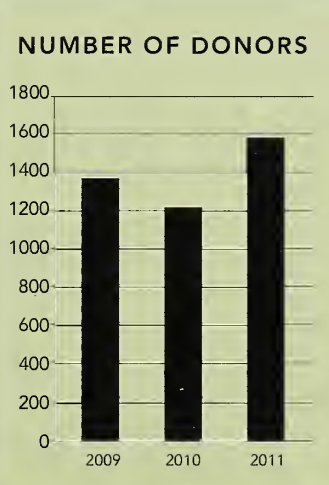
*Among the many experiences that combined to prepare me for a career in entertainment law, I believe the most important was my time at Wake Forest School of Law. It was there that I first met professors who challenged me intellectually, inspired me to learn and who served as true mentors after which to model myself. I feel it's important to give back so that future students might receive the same inspiration and mentoring.*
*— J. Reid Hunter (JD '86)*

*I have been practicing law for 27 years now and have been fortunate to have experienced success in the courtroom and in business. My most challenging and rewarding years in the law, however, were my first 3 years at Winston-Salem. I am forever grateful to Wake Forest for offering me a full tuition scholarship at a time when that made the difference of where I would attend school.*
*— Michael Sheehan (JD '84)*

*Just about forty years have gone by since Wake Forest made it possible for me to begin my legal education. I did not know a single lawyer, knew no one at Wake Forest, and did not have the resources to pay for law school. Wake Forest saw something in me and helped me realize a dream to be a lawyer. I am still living that dream and will never forget the institution that made it possible.*
*— Tom Comerford (JD '74)*



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**Norman Gray Lancaster ('38)**, April 25, 2011, Alexandria, Va. He practiced law in Spring Hope, N.C., until 1940 when he joined the U.S. Navy. Lancaster served aboard the USS Phoenix until 1943 and then the USS Miami until 1946. He was designated a legal specialist and was a member of the Judge Advocate General Corps. He retired in 1975 after 29 years in the legal field. He also served as chairman of the U.S. Naval Military Court of Review. Lancaster's awards included the Asiatic-Pacific medal with seven battle stars, the Joint Services Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal.

**Robert Finley Snipes ('40)**, May 7, 2011, Wilson, N.C. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserves during World War II. Snipes retired from Aetna Casualty and Surety Co. in 1982.

**Henry Wade Yates ('43)**, June 30, 2011, Asheboro, N.C. He practiced law for 44 years, was a tax attorney, prosecutor and county court judge. Yates was past president of The Lions Club of Randolph County and after retirement in 1987 he continued as secretary-treasurer of Randolph County Farmer's Mutual Association. He was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie; a daughter, Linda Y. Sherrill, and son-in-law, Michael Walter Sherrill; and four brothers. Yates is survived by a daughter, Patricia; a son, Stephen; a brother; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Edgar Mayes Harris ('50)**, Feb. 1, 2011, Stone Mountain, Ga.

**Earle Rupert Purser ('50)**, July 6, 2011, Garner, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and practiced law from 1950 until April 2011. Purser was a counselor for those with alcohol problems and a mentor for Alcoholics Anonymous.

**Lacy Stewart Hair ('52)**, Jan. 10, 2011, Fayetteville, N.C. He served in the Judge Advocate Office during the Korean War and began a private practice in Fayetteville in 1955. Hair was a solicitor of the Cumberland County Recorder's Court and a District Court judge until his retirement in 1988. He was chairman of the board of directors of the Cumberland County Rescue Squad (Emergency Medical Services) for 37 years.

**Thomas Leslie Cherry ('58)**, April 16, 2011, Ahoskie, N.C. He practiced law with his father for more than 35 years.

**William Christolph Blossom III ('59)**, July 2, 2011, Wilmington, N.C. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1949 to 1954 and taught Russian at Syracuse University. Blossom received a Richardson Foundation Grant after graduation to intern in Washington, D.C., and then practiced law in Wallace, N.C. He was a member of the N.C. Bar Association for more than 50 years. Memorials may be made to Wake Forest Law School Development, Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27109 or Duke Medicine Development & Alumni Affairs, Duke University, 512 S. Mangum Street, Suite 400, Durham, N.C. 27701-3973.

**John James Johnson ('59)**, Feb. 3, 2011, Yadkinville, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army. Johnson's law career was with State Farm and then Integon Insurance, where he retired as vice president and general counsel for property and casualty companies after 31 years of service.

**Bob Wilson Lawing ('60)**, Dec. 14, 2010, Gastonia, N.C. He had been practicing law in Gastonia since 1960.

**John Frederick Earl Turnage ('61)**, July 31, 2011, Rocky Mount, N.C. He served as mayor of Rocky Mount for 34 years and was a practicing attorney for 50 years. Turnage was on many boards and commissions committed to the well being of the Rocky Mount community. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Norma; two children, **John Aaron Turnage ('84)** and **Trevor Turnage Lane ('87)**; and five grandchildren.

**Avery Colburn Bordeaux ('64)**, April 5, 2011, Raleigh, N.C. He worked with the U.S. Treasury, National Banks, First National Bank of Martinsville, Va., Marine Bank and Trust of Tampa, Fla., Palmer First National Bank of Sarasota, Fla., Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co. and the N.C. Department of Human Resources. In 1977 Bordeaux opened a law firm in Leland, N.C., and returned to Raleigh, N.C., in 1985 to continue his real estate and bankruptcy practice.

**Herman Webster Zimmerman Jr. ('67)**, March 31, 2011, Lexington, N.C.

# JASON BENETTI ('11)

Jason Benetti ('11) sat in on a law class at Wake Forest University three years ago, just to see what it was like, to take a seat reserved for future lawyers.

He settled in and listened to the professor. He was intrigued. The chair, he found, was quite comfortable.

He graduated from the law school on May 16.

"The foundational knowledge that a person gets from a legal education, to me, is invaluable," he said.

Sure, Benetti will be a lawyer, and probably a darn good one. If he chooses that path.

Those who know the Illinois native expect nothing less. He has already "made it," so to speak.

An accomplished broadcaster, Benetti is the play-by-play voice and communications director for the Syracuse Chiefs of minor league baseball's International League and the voice of the High Point University men's basketball team.

The likes of Sean McDonough, Don Criqui and Bob Costas have lauded Benetti's work, according to Viv Bernstein of AOL News.

There's a good chance Benetti will one day broadcast for a team in the majors, "The Show." If, of course, he chooses that path. Those who know him are well aware Benetti will surpass any goal on which he sets his mind.

As a toddler, Benetti was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, caused by abnormalities in parts of the brain that control muscle movements, according to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

No limits.

Benetti, a Syracuse University graduate, lived in the Triad because of his work with High Point, so he knew about Wake Forest.

"I wanted to supplement my announcing with a legal education, and Wake Forest worked out perfectly in that regard."

He continued his work as a broadcaster while pursuing his law degree, which is no easy feat. Simply put, the faculty at the Wake Forest School of Law care about their students. It's one of the things that makes Wake Forest special.

As a student, Benetti appreciated the supportive, nurturing atmosphere.

"If I tried to do the radio and TV work I did while in school at 1,000 other places, it would not have happened like it did at Wake Forest," he said via e-mail while in Norfolk, Va., with the Chiefs.

"The professors and staff were so unbelievably supportive. I truly was fortunate to have met such special people who were so interested in helping me move forward in my career."

That interest doesn't wane. While working a game with the Durham Bulls, law professors Wilson Parker and Ralph Peeples stopped by for a visit.

"I knew that they were interested in me as a person and interested in what I did, but the fact that they would drive out to see a baseball game I was calling meant so much to me. I consider them friends … and I'm proud to do so."

Benetti hopes to find a place where he can teach and also do baseball play-by-play.

"I am hoping to teach law, broadcasting, or both," he said. "I have informally taught broadcasting techniques, which have been handed down to me for a few years, and really enjoy watching personalities flourish on air."

But, he said, who really knows? Truth be told, Benetti has been troubled by doubt, at least once. His initiation into law school comes to mind.

"I remember my first day … how nervous I was. I was so used to being somewhat in control of situations on the air. This was all new. But, after a while, it became normal … just like anything."

Normal? Benetti is anything but. Those who know him are well aware Benetti will surpass any goal on which he sets his mind.

No limits.

"The foundational knowledge that a person gets from a legal education, to me, is invaluable."

– *Jason Benetti ('11)*

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He served in the U.S. Army. Zimmerman was a district attorney from 1970 until 1994 when he was elected Superior Court judge for the 22nd Judicial District.

**Thomas Willis Haywood Alexander ('68)**, Dec. 31, 2010, Raleigh, N.C. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves. Alexander was a clerk for Chief Justice Parker of the N.C. Supreme Court, was an assistant district attorney for Wake County and a defense litigator for Maupin Taylor in Raleigh, specializing in product liability, construction and general aviation. His interests included historic preservation, volunteering with Hospice of Wake County and operating a ham radio.

**John Linder Barber Sr. ('72)**, March 13, 2011, Winston-Salem, N.C. He practiced law for 20 years with Petree Stockton Robinson & Maready before joining Krispy Kreme as general counsel. Barber later joined Smith Helms Mullis & Moore in Greensboro, went to Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins PLLC in Winston-Salem and was most recently a partner with Robinson & Lawing LLP. He was a former member of the Wake Forest Law Alumni Council.

**Vaughn Edward Jennings Jr. ('73)**, Jan. 24, 2011, Winston-Salem, N.C. He was an assistant state district attorney for the 23rd Judicial District, an assistant U.S. attorney in the Middle District of N.C. and had a private practice for more than 30 years.

**Resa LaVerne Harris ('76)**, May 2, 2011, Charlotte, N.C. She was a District Court judge from 1981 to 2002 for the 26th Judicial District of North Carolina and an emergency court judge from 2002 until her death. Harris helped establish the domestic violence court in Mecklenburg County and had many civic activities.

**Jimart Lee Rhinehart ('76)**, Jan. 24, 2011, Wilmington, N.C. He practiced law in Wilmington until his retirement in 2006.

**Forrest Wesley Goldston ('77)**, April 16, 2011, Raleigh, N.C. He was an attorney in Rockingham County before returning to Raleigh to serve as a prosecuting attorney in the Secretary of State's Office.

**William G. "Billy" Edwards ('78)**, Jan. 17, 2011, Jamestown, N.C. He practiced law in Jamestown for 32 years. Prior to law school, Edwards served in the U.S. Marine Corps, was with the Greensboro Police Department for 12 years and was a general contractor building homes and commercial properties in Jamestown. He is survived by a son, Scott Edwards, and a daughter, Laura Edwards. Memorials may be made to School of Law Development, Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27109 or to Habitat of Greensboro, P.O. Box 3402, Greensboro, N.C. 27402.

**Douglas Milton Jones ('83)**, July 5, 2011, New Bern, N.C. He served in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps and began practicing law in the Craver area in 1987.

**Robyn Lazenby Williams ('83)**, March 15, 2011, Statesville, N.C.

**John Mark Heavner ('84)**, Feb. 21, 2011, Gastonia, N.C. He was an attorney with Mullen Holland & Cooper in Gastonia.

**Beatrice L. Ackenbom-Kelly ('86)**, Jan. 20, 2011, Winston-Salem. She was a foster parent, taught elementary school, and was co-founder and director of Camp Friendship and a Home for Children. Ackenbom-Kelly received her PhD in special education from the University of Virginia and was a professor at Salem College in Winston-Salem. After completing law school, she had a private practice for 10 years before retiring to pursue personal interests. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney L. Kelly Jr. (MAEd '90), on Jan. 18, 2011.

**Joseph N. Altman ('04)**, March 31, 2011, of Baltimore, and Lancaster, Penn.

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Mary Parks Bell Weathers, Feb. 1, 2011, Winston-Salem. She received her BS and MS from UNC Greensboro and

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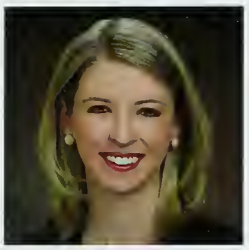
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taught in the Kannapolis, Albemarle and Shelby high schools. Weathers did research for the Rockefeller Foundation at Duke Hospital, was senior nutritionist at the N.C. State Board of Health and an active member of the community. She was dedicated to the staff and students of the Wake Forest School of Law. Weathers was preceded in death by her husband, former Dean of the School of Law Carroll Wayland Weathers Sr. ('23), and her stepson, Carroll W. Weathers Jr. She is survived by two daughters, Jane Bell Weathers ('70) and Katherine Weathers Petree ('72); a stepdaughter, Sue Weathers Kaloyannides ('58); five grandchildren: Chip Petree ('97), Stacy Petree Davis ('95), Charles Weathers, Harrison Weathers and Grace Weathers Saydlowski ('94); seven great-grandchildren; and three sisters. Memorials may be made to the Carroll and Mary Parks Weathers Scholarship Fund at the Wake Forest University School of Law, P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27109.

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# PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT: R. MICHAEL WELLS JR. ('04)

Seven years into his law career, R. Michael Wells Jr. ('04) has already garnered regional, state and national recognition.

The Triad Business Journal included Wells in its 2009 "Top 40 Under 40," a list of young area business leaders. Business North Carolina magazine cited him as one of its "Legal Elite Young Guns" (Best Under 40) for 2011, and Super Lawyers magazine has listed him as a "Rising Star" for two consecutive years, in 2010 and 2011.

"A good deal of that has to do with my success as an attorney, but I think I've had a lot of visibility as a result of doing things in the community and through the bar association," says Wells, who has been particularly active with the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) of the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA). The 33-year-old is serving a two-year term as the District 9 representative to the American Bar Association.

Most recently, the NCBA gave Wells the Younger Lawyer Pro Bono Service Award, presented annually by the Young Lawyers Division, at the annual meeting of the YLD on Saturday, June 25.

A Winston-Salem native, Wells was selected in part because of his efforts with Project Grace, a YLD initiative that provides health care powers of attorney and living wills free of charge to underprivileged North Carolinians with an emphasis on fixed income senior citizens. Wells has also undertaken a number of leadership roles within the bar and with community organizations in the Winston-Salem area, including United Way and the Parks and Recreation Department, where he serves as a commissioner.

Since earning his law degree, he has worked at Wells, Jenkins, Lucas & Jenkins in Winston-Salem, which his father co-founded 18 years ago. He primarily handles personal injury cases, Social Security disability cases and estate planning.

Last summer, Project Grace won a national first-place award from the ABA in the "Service to the Public" category.

"We would have been pleased to even place in it, but to win the entire thing was just far beyond our expectations," he says.

Project Grace, which Wells created with Jocelyn Fina, his co-chair on the state YLD's Law and Aging Committee, is a free one-day legal clinic where volunteer lawyers draft health care powers of attorney and living wills for people who cannot afford them. Clinics are held several times per year in alternating cities. At the first two clinics in Winston-Salem and Raleigh, 29 lawyers and 30 support volunteers served 130 people and drafted more than 260 documents. Those results secured the 2010 ABA award.

"Health-care issues are probably the most significant issues in estate planning, because they cause people the most anguish and heartache, particularly in a living will situation," Wells notes. "Who wants to make the decision about whether a parent should live or die? The living will, in particular, can make that decision beforehand and removes the burden from their loved ones. It's kind of the ultimate gift that you can give your family members — the peace of mind to know that's what a parent wanted."

This year, Project Grace added clinics in Durham and Greenville, and Wells hopes to continue expanding coverage statewide. A key to the project's successful launch — the first clinic was at Winston-Salem's Downtown Health Plaza in fall 2009 — was Wells' volunteer work with the United Way, which helped publicize the event to the target population. He also serves on the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks board, and he participated in Leadership Winston-Salem in 2010.

"I think we have an obligation to help people and to give back to the community," he says. "I always felt like both of my parents tried to help other people and to make the world a better place. I think the thing that's helped me most as a lawyer is the ability to relate to people and to empathize with them, and I think I learned that from my mother."

His mother, Janet, taught reading at Walnut Cove Elementary School while his father attended Wake Forest law school. She later returned to the classroom at Winston-Salem's Sherwood Forest Elementary School for another 10 years before retiring. Wells has an older

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>
> *– R. Michael Wells Jr. ('04)*

sister, who is a professor at Notre Dame University, and a younger brother, who is a lawyer in Chicago.

"I always knew I wanted to be a lawyer," Wells says, acknowledging his father's influence as a role model. "We're very close. We're very like-minded about things — our work ethic, our beliefs and morals, the way we treat other people."

Wells' father, who has received multiple awards himself, serves on the NCBA Board of Governors and on the boards of numerous business and nonprofit organizations.

He lectures at the law school, conducts free legal seminars in the community, and discusses legal issues on radio shows and in a monthly newspaper column.

Wells Jr. attended the University of Virginia, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history in 2001, and met his wife, Heather, and went on to Wake Forest School of Law, where he says he received a superior education.

"We were well-taught, I think," Wells says. "I didn't like it at the time, but the legal research and writing was probably the most useful experience. If there's anything that has distinguished me as a young lawyer, it's that I've done very well writing briefs and finding cases that help us strategically when we're in litigation."

The firm's offices off Polo Road are a stone's throw from the law school, and Wells stays connected, visiting the law library to research cases and attending events.

Guest speakers he has met include Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and one of his favorite writers, John Grisham.

An avid reader, Wells enjoys writing. He publishes a humorous blog at southernlawyernc.blogspot.com., where he pens fictional short stories with a legal twist. "It's a creative outlet," he says. "It's enjoyable, and it's been getting a lot of hits."

Wells plans to submit his stories to magazines, but says his law career keeps him too busy to consider a novel. Moreover, after eight years of marriage, he and his wife are thinking about having children.

Asked what advice he offers beginning lawyers, he has a ready answer — one he gave recently when asked to speak at another firm: "If you really want to enhance your reputation, yes, you need to do a good job as a lawyer, but there is a high correlation between attorneys who are active in the bar association and other pro bono activities and those that are very highly regarded lawyers."

Clearly, Wells himself has taken that counsel to heart.

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